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Tribal member receives free mobile home

By Rosemary Stephens, Reporter/Graphic Artist

Beside a gravel road in the middle of a wooded three-acre lot sits a new three-bedroom mobile home. To the right lies what used to be the existing home for tribal member Jimmy Gould.

"The ceiling was falling down, the roof leaked, all the floors were rotted out and it was full of mold … it just wasn't fit to live in but it was all I had," Gould said.

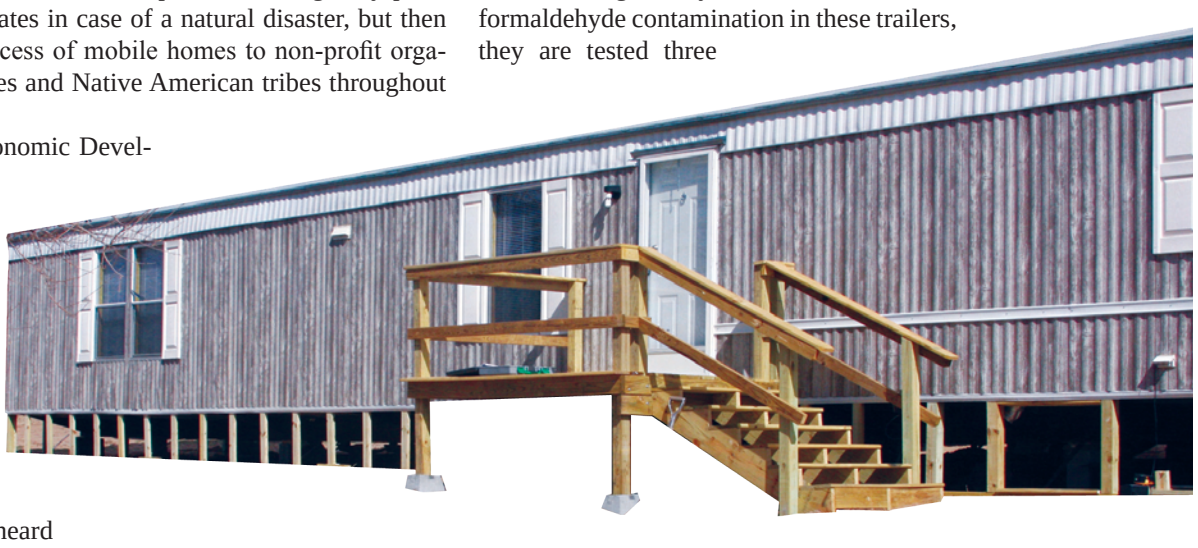
Not anymore. Gould, a 61-year-old elder, is one of two tribal members that have received a new mobile home from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. The first home was set up in Canton, Okla. for Corless Sankey.

Gould owns three acres of land outside of Longdale, Okla. and had an application for a home on file with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Housing Authority. He said he was at the Elder Care program office and Esther Rivers, Elder Care director, asked him if he would be interested in one of the mobile homes the tribes had just acquired.

"I am so happy to have this trailer, man it's great," Gould said. "I just want to thank the tribes, the housing and Elder Care program and everyone else who helped me to get this new home."

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes acquired mobile homes from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

FEMA and HUD had purchased over 60,000 of these homes for victims of Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and found themselves overstocked with trailers. FEMA stockpiled these mobile homes in Hope, Ark. and Texarkana, Texas with plans of strategically placing homes in different states in case of a natural disaster, but then decided to donate the excess of mobile homes to non-profit organizations such as churches and Native American tribes throughout the United States.



Charlie Williams, Economic Development director, first heard of FEMA's plans to donate these trailers before coming to work for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

"I owned a trucking company and before coming to work for the tribes I was in Texarkana on a run and heard about FEMA's plans to donate the homes … I got in touch with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes then and alerted them to their plans so they could get ready to request some of these mobile homes," Williams said. "Now I work for economic development and we have been given 12 of these mobile homes."

Williams said, the cost to haul the mobile homes are the responsibility of the tribe's and runs approximately $3,900 for each trailer, but the value of each home runs between $25,000 and $30,000 each.

"One thing I really want to stress to folks is there is no threat of formaldehyde contamination in these trailers, they are tested three and four times before they are even picked up to be hauled," Williams said. "They come fully furnished with appliances and furniture, it's really a great deal for the tribes."

Tribal members who own their own land may apply for one of these homes through the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Housing Authority.

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Canton Feather Warrior Casino celebrates one-year anniversary

By Dana Attocknie, Managing Editor

The chilly air quickly lifts dozens of pastel colored balloons into the sky, and the higher the balloons rise; the quicker visitors enter the casino for a day of celebration.

The Canton Feather Warrior Casino family celebrated their first birthday on Sunday, March 1, 2009 in Canton, Okla.

"You did it. I really hope you take that to heart. This is your day. This is your accomplishment," Reva Wassana, chief operating officer, said to employees. "I'm here to support you if there's anything you need. The dream has only started."

Before the balloon release casino employees and patrons congregated in the casino's deli area for a pep rally of sorts. Members of both the casino and tribal management spoke to employees about a job well done and the future.

"I'm so proud of my co-workers. We have some really hard workers. Our supervisors are hard workers … we trust them with our casinos," Josephine Buffalomeat Borunda, operations manager/vault and cage cashier manager, said.

Some of the testimonies provided by casino supervisors came with emotion and tears.

"I am so so blessed to be a part of this casino," Kristy Miller, officer manager/administrative assistant, said. "Feather Warrior Casino is the best casino in Oklahoma. The management team is one big bond of people."

Kelly Gooden, deli manager, thanked the employees and told them to keep up the good work.

Wassana said customer service and employees are her priorities. "To me, it's about sense of pride, sense of ownership," she said. "If I make you happy, you make the customers happy."

Wassana presented Maurice Brown, assistant general manager, with a blanket and a feather. "You've earned your first feather," she said.

Borunda also thanked Brown and said she wouldn't be where she is without him.

After the speeches, Arapaho-1 legislator Richard Williams spoke to the crowd briefly before giving a prayer.

"You are the ones that make it," he said. "I see some of the faces I seen last year. I want to congratulate each and every one of you."

Williams said the casino started small, but it's going to get bigger.

Rounding out the assembly was Rochelle Roman Nose, 10, who presented the Lord's Prayer in American Indian sign language, and the Oklahoma Native Dancers who put on a brief exhibition. The dancers were Deion Henry, Kyle St. Cyr, and Willy Boy St. Cyr. The drummers were William St. Cyr and Eddie Henry.

Photos by Dana Attocknie

Casino employees prepare to release balloons in front of the casino on March 1, 2009.

Patrons were treated to t-shirts, Feather Warrior Casino-Canton candy bars, specials every half hour and a chance to win a grill.

Borunda said all the managers get a promo day; therefore upcoming events include Cinco de Mayo activities, and the Walleye Rodeo from May 14 to 17, 2009.

Currently, Canton Feather Warrior Casino has 72 employees and 28 of those employees are tribal members. The casino is located at 301 N.W. Lake Rd. in Canton, Okla.

Kyle St. Cyr of the Oklahoma Native Dancers group.

Deion Henry

Rochelle Roman Nose

Deion Henry and Willy Boy St. Cyr of the Oklahoma Native Dancers group.

Rhonda Hoskins (left), new Human resources manager, shares a laugh during the casino celebration.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Office of the Governor and the Executive Branch

would like to invite all tribal members to listening meetings. These sessions will give tribal members a chance to voice their opinions as well as ask questions regarding different tribal programs. A meal will be provided at each meeting.

For more information, contact the Department of Administration at (405) 422-7540.

Seiling/Woodward	**March 17, 2009**	**6 p.m.**	**Seiling Community Building**
Clinton/Weatherford/Colony/Thomas	**March 24, 2009**	**6 p.m.**	**Frisco Convention Center, Clinton, Okla.**
Elk City/Hammon	**March 31, 2009**	**6 p.m.**	**Holiday Inn, Elk City, Okla.**
Watonga community	**April 7, 2009**	**6 p.m.**	**Watonga Multi Purpose Bldg.**
Canton/Longdale	**April 14, 2009**	**6 p.m.**	**Native American Building, Canton, Okla.**
Oklahoma City area	**April 21, 2009**	**6 p.m.**	**Clarion Hotel, Oklahoma City**
Geary community	**April 28, 2009**	**6 p.m.**	**Geary Community Building**

Housing Authority to receive funds from economic stimulus plan

Submitted article

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority will receive an additional $1,019,412 through the national economic stimulus plan signed into law by President Barack Obama on Feb. 17, 2009.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority will use the supplemental funds to purchase additional housing units for tribal members who are already on the Housing Authority waiting list, rehabilitate and renovate other homes, improve infrastructure, and to pay other housing related administrative costs.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority typically purchases ten-15 homes per year for tribal members. There are currently over 600 families on the Housing Authority waiting list, many who have been on the list for more than ten years.

HUD's Office of Native American Programs received $510 million as part of the stimulus package. Also, $255 million dollars of the funds received through the economic stimulus plan will be distributed according to the same funding formula that was used to allocate Indian Housing Block Grant funds in 2008. The remainder will be distributed through a competitive grant process.

For more information, call Reggie Wassana at (580) 323-4877.

Rhoads helps keep the lines of communication open

By Dana Attocknie, Managing Editor

In his line of work, the No. 1 opponent is Mother Nature and the No. 1 hazard can be tourists.

Murray Rhoads, Jr. owner of Rhoads Splicing, Llc. said lightening once arched over him when working, and tourists sometimes ignore or run over his work signs.

Rhoads, Cheyenne and Comanche, specializes in telephone cable splicing. He splices copper wire via aerial splicing or buried ground splicing.

"Safety is our No. 1 rule," Rhoads said.

He said sometimes he has to go into manholes and it reminds him of being a little boy and running into a cellar to escape a tornado.

"We never know what we're going to get ourselves into until we get onto the job site," he said.

Rhoads Splicing, Llc. was established in 1993 and is located in Cassville, Mo. Rhoads covers the southwest corner of the state through contract work for Century-Tel, and said he does not have any employees since they are all sub-contractors.

He was lured into the business after receiving an apprenticeship position in California.

"Within six months I started putting in my own phone systems," he said.

Rhoads said he is now certified in 16 various phone systems, and the first week he started this career he put in well over 100 hours in six days.

Rhoads is a self-admitted perfectionist and likes to get things right the first time, especially since he deals with public utilities. He said the phone company usually gives Rhoads Splicing the "brainteasers" to work on and it shows him there's confidence that they know how to do the job. "I feel better if I've done the best I could," he said.

Rhoads works in both sunny weather and ice storms alike.

"What we touch is what we make," Rhoads said referring to some of their big jobs.

Courtesy photos

Murray Rhoads, Jr. and Dustin Rhoads splicing a cross-box in Mt. Vernon, Mo.

The advice Rhoads would give to other business owners is to have self-discipline, and a positive attitude. He said the two worst things people dwell upon are the "I can't" or "I don't know" words/thoughts. He said people should keep an open mind.

"Look for all avenues in what you're doing. In life there's always obstacles … go around, climb over or go right through. Stay positive and just remember there's always another day," Rhoads said. "Always be truthful and at the most extreme do the best you can up to your capabilities and never fudge, never falsify."

Rhoads is the son of Murray Adrian Rhoads, Sr. and Arlene Wockmetooah Jimenez.

His half-brother Jeff Rhoads lives in Moore, Okla. his older sister Adria Rhoads Suina lives in Cochiti Pueblo, N.M. He has two more sisters, Melanie Motah and Jolene Schonchin, who live in Lawton, Okla. His wife's name is Patricia and they have two sons, Adrian and Dustin. Each of their sons have two children.

Rhoads attended Tulsa Memorial High School in Tulsa, Okla. then soon entered the restaurant business and took culinary classes. When his family first moved to Cassville, he started renting a place that used to be called Burgers on the Run. He changed the name to Burritos Express.

Murray Rhoads, Jr. and Dustin Rhoads splicing an aerial section from their bucket trucks in Cassville, Mo.

"Local people definitely considered it as foreign," he said, adding that people were not used to that type of food over there.

Although, he no longer operates Burritos Express, Rhoads remains a staple in his community by staying active in church, helping coach local soccer teams, and participating in community events, such as the towns 150 bicentennial celebration.

Rhoads said he also likes to keep up with his beadwork and attend powwows.

"When I enter that arena there's nothing there to worry about," he said.

Rhoads said he likes the thought of 'give and you shall receive,' and he tries to help out as much as he can. In fact, he's willing to help people find work in copper splicing telephone cable lines.

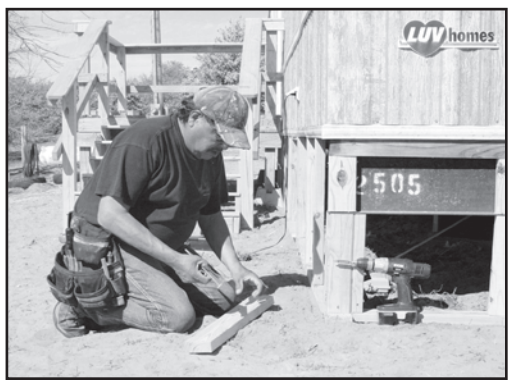
"I'd be more than happy to put anyone to work," Rhoads said. "The tools we work with are specialty tools. There's a lot to do with what we do."

Rhoads said anyone who has knowledge, is MS2 square and is tooled out with a pick up truck and ladder, should give him a call. Rhoads' office telephone number is (417) 847-5832.

Rhoads said he's thankful for what he has and thinks people should help one another and be good to one another.

"I know if something happens to me, I can't take it with me," he said of money and material items.

Story photos by Rosemary Stephens



Grant Fletcher measures another board for the underpinning.

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For elder tribal members, the Housing Authority is covering the cost of moving the homes onto their land and furnishing materials for a front/back porch and underpinning. The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Elder Care program is furnishing all the labor.

"These mobile homes are a great deal for our elders whose homes aren't livable anymore as long as they are secured good and these are," Grant Fletcher, Elder Care program head carpenter, said. "Joe (Fletcher), Vince (Willey) and I get a good feeling out here working to give back something to the elders … the first trailer went to Corless Sankey over in Canton, and technically she isn't an elder yet, but she is disabled and really needed a home."

Elder Care carpenters Grant and Joe Fletcher and Vince Willey, will continue to furnish the labor for building the porches and underpinning for the trailers.

For more information about applying for one of the mobile homes contact Reggie Wassana with the Housing Authority at (800) 482-4288 or Esther Rivers with the Elder Care program at (405) 422-7448.

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TOBY JON REYNOLDS
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To Change His Name

Case No: CIV-2009-0017

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE, that Toby Jon Reynolds has filed in this Court a Petition For Name Change, as follows, to wit: from Toby Jon Reynolds to Toby Jon Standing Bird, and that the same will be heard by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 302, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on the 21ST day of APRIL, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. and any written protest may be filed in the case, prior to the date set for the hearing.

Issued this 23rd day of February, 2009.

Lena Marquez, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Toby Jon Reynolds
P.O. Box 26584
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TRIAL COURT OF OKLAHOMA
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE INSTRUMENT HEREWITH SET OUT. SAME APPEARS OF RECORD IN THIS COURT CLERK'S OFFICE.
Witness my hand and seal this 23rd day Of February 2009
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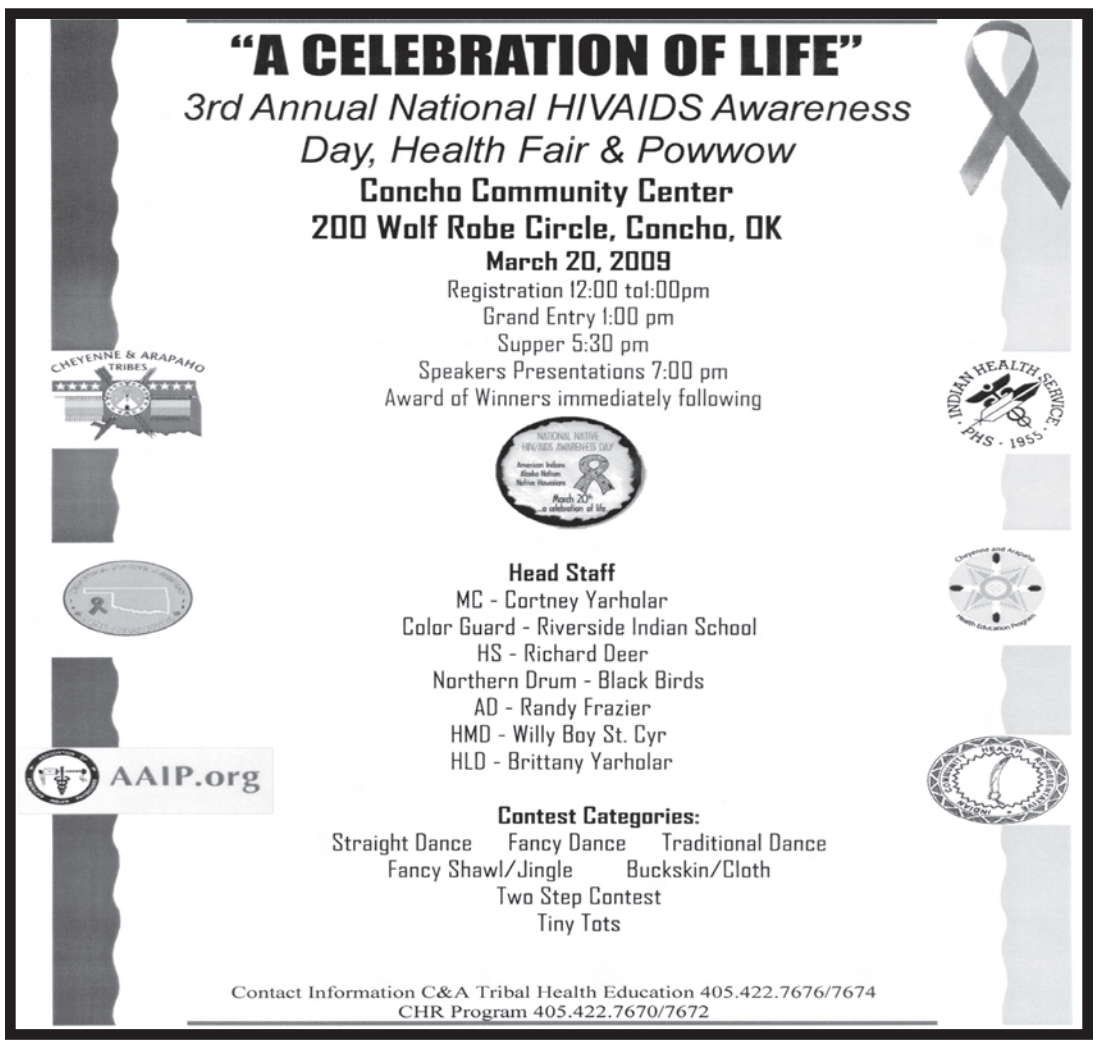
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Arming students with information

By Rosemary Stephens, Reporter/Graphic Artist

El Reno High School junior and senior students who are planning to attend college are given guidance and information to make the transition from high school to college smoother and less stressful.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes higher education department and Southwest Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) held an information assembly for juniors and seniors on March 3, 2009 at El Reno High School.

"We are here to help you to know what you need to get into college and the funding that is available to you from the government and if you are a tribal member, from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' higher education department," Wanda Whiteman, education counselor, said. "What I want to stress to you the most is the importance of taking the American College Test (ACT) and the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT). You have to have these scores to attend college."

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Students Connor Bushyhead, Kelsie Montana, Meagan Greenwalt and Kendra Collins attend the information assembly at El Reno High School.

Whiteman said the deadline to sign up for the June 13, 2009 ACT/SAT testing date is May 8, 2009 and encouraged all students to get signed up.

"The Cheyenne and Arapaho higher education department will pay the fees for the ACT/SAT testing, give $100 to seniors towards their cap and

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Journey to Sacaton

Hello. I've got a story. I know this veteran. He has many problems. Alcohol, drugs, divorce, lack of faith, trust issues, family problems, mental problems, emotional problems, no job, no car, a lot of distrust in government agencies. Because of no patience with bureaucracy or self this person didn't know what the problem was.

After many trips to jail and being broke again and again, being insane, doing the same things over and over again and again expecting different results, reaching a point of desperation, needing to find peace, freshly out of jail he finds himself on a journey.

This person being all of the above finds himself in many odd places. He is not afraid of these places because they are familiar.

He started out as a young person from humble beginnings. He's from a small Indian community or rather communities because you know how "we" are with a grandma here, a grandma there, both praying types of grandmas, both like going to the community hall dances, honor dances, benefit dances or plain 'ole hand games. Aye! or Buh!, whichever fits, powwows a must.

Of course you must go to school. Boarding school a requirement. Still the tribal influence, customs, ceremonies, food, benefits, dances, prayers. He accepts the way of life, secure, loving, God, country and family.

Seeing the goodness of God in the community and family, he decides to enlist into the Armed Forces, as his family members before him. Tradition. He feels pride and the love of his community. Oops!

The confusion starts. Self starts getting in the way. Military training. John Wayneism. Drinking changes the way he feels. War, combat, denial. The insane life. Years go by. Finally hit bottom. Can't stand self any more.

God intervenes. Because of someone's prayers, slowly life changes. Fear subsides. Anger recognized. He slowly sees God had always been there. He was the one who left.

The spiritually bankrupt, misguided person finally surrenders.

On this journey, after the surrender, he seeks wellness and sobriety. And as God works, by

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Courtesy photo

By John T. Levi, Korean War veteran

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Color Honor Guard participated, along with tribes from Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, North and South Dakota, Washington, New York, Oklahoma, and the Navajo code Talkers, in the 64th Ira Hayes/Iwo Jima Flag Raising Ceremony on Feb. 21, 2009 in Sacaton, Ariz.

Mock Tall Bear led the Cheyenne and Arapaho Color Honor Guard and they represented the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes proudly. I was proud to be a Cheyenne and Arapaho member in attendance.

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SOUTHWEST CASINO CORPORATION LOSES IN FEDERAL COURT, ALL CLAIMS AGAINST GOVERNOR FLYINGMAN & DORIS THUNDERBULL DISMISSED

Federal Court Throws-Out All Southwest Corporation Claims

On February 25, 2009, the Federal Court in Oklahoma City dismissed all claims filed by Southwest Casino and Hotel Corporation ("Southwest Corporation") against the Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes ("Tribes"), Darrell Flyingman, and former casino employee, Doris Thunderbull. The Judge dismissed all claims "with prejudice", which means the claims can never be filed again.

Southwest Corporation, based in Minnesota, served as the gaming management company for the Tribes for about thirteen years, taking about $6 million dollars per year in management fees. When the contract with Southwest Corporation expired in 2007, Governor Flyingman refused to sign a new contract despite the support Southwest Corporation received from a majority of the Tribes' elected officials. As a result, Southwest Corporation challenged Governor Flyingman in court, but Southwest Corporation ended up losing their challenge in August 2007, with the court also ordering an audit of the Lucky Star Casinos. In addition, the National Indian Gaming Commission ("NIGC") rejected Southwest Corporation's claims for a new contract with the Tribes.

Seven days after the NIGC decision, Southwest Corporation filed suit in Federal Court against the Tribes' Governor and Ms. Thunderbull based alleging six claims including contract interference, defamation, conspiracy, and copyright infringement. Southwest Corporation based its claims on a surveillance video from the Tribes' Casino showing elected officials of the Tribes, including current Legislators, cashing sizeable checks issued by Southwest Corporation at the Lucky Star Casino. The video appeared on the internet on "YouTube.com", on DVD, and in still photos mailers sent to Tribal Members. Southwest Corporation claimed that it was the owner of the video in question and sought money damages against Governor Flyingman and Ms. Thunderbull.

In June 2008, a court judgment found that the Tribes, not Southwest Corporation, were the owner of the video surveillance system at the Lucky Star Casinos, and the owner of the video in question. Despite the finding that the Tribes' owned the video in question, and despite the Federal Court's dismissal of two of its claims, Southwest Corporation continued to pursue its remaining claims.

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In August 2008, after months of investigation, Grant Thornton, LLP, a large, international accounting firm, completed a Forensic Investigation Report ("Report") of the Tribes' Lucky Star Casinos. The Report reviewed the finances and operation of the Tribes' casinos, as managed by Southwest Corporation, prior to the termination of the gaming management contract. The Grant Thornton, LLP Report concluded that, "Southwest misused the Lucky Star Casinos' monies for payments to officials of the Tribe, to fund Southwest's own activities and to influence the Business Committee and Legislature to support and approve extensions to its (gaming management contract)". Furthermore, the Report concluded that, "Additionally, the [Tribes'] Business Committee received hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash and other benefits from the Lucky Star Casinos in the form of bad checks exchanged for cash and advances of cash for claimed travel. Payments to the Business Committee significantly increased at times during amendments and extensions to the [Southwest gaming management contract with the Tribe]". The Tribes and Southwest Corporation remain locked in an ongoing arbitration over Southwest Corporation's management of the Tribes' casinos.

In December 2009, the Federal Court dismissed Southwest's claims of copyright infringement and racketeering. It did so based upon the fact that Southwest did not own the surveillance video and held no copyright over that video.

In January 2009, the Andrews Davis, PC, law firm representing Southwest Corporation, filed in Federal Court seeking to withdraw as the corporation's lawyers stating that Southwest Corporation was "unresponsive" and had "failed to communicate" with the firm. The Federal Court granted their request.

On February 25, 2009, at the request of Governor Flyingman and Ms. Thunderbull, Federal Court Judge, Robin J. Cauthron, dismissed all remaining claims brought by Southwest Corporation *with prejudice*. After eighteen months of litigation, Southwest Corporation failed to prove any of its claims.

According to Governor Flyingman, "This is another example of Southwest Corporation filing a frivolous lawsuit designed to harass the Tribes and waste money, and to defend their bankrupt practices. The videotape and photos showing Legislators, Ida Hoffman, Mike Martin, Janice Prairie Chief, and others cashing checks issued by Southwest Corporation speaks for itself. The Grant Thornton Report demonstrates that Southwest Corporation engaged in serious improper activities as the Tribes' management company. After thirteen years of sending millions of dollars to Southwest Corporation in Minnesota, I believed it was finally time for the Cheyenne and Arapaho people to run our own businesses. For the last year and a half, we have proven that we are more than capable of running a professional casino business free from the corrupting influences of outside management companies".

For more information, contact Erica Hart-WhiteCloud at (405) 422-7400.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

SOUTHWEST CASINO AND HOTEL CORP.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case Number CIV-07-949-C

(1) DARRELL FLYINGMAN, an individual;
(2) DORIS THUNDERBULL, an individual;
(3) JOHN DOE NO. 1, an unknown individual; and,
(4) JOHN DOE NO. 2, an unknown individual,

Defendants.

JUDGMENT OF DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE

Upon consideration of the pleadings herein, the Court finds that the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss should be GRANTED. Plaintiff's case is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.

DATED this 25th day of February, 2009.

ROBIN J. CAUTHRON
United States District Judge

Tribal Tidbits.....

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Sonja DeWitt (l) checks Melissa Curley's (r) needle at the Oklahoma Blood Institute blood drive held Feb. 25, 2009 at the Rollin Haag Native American Church.

Virginia Richey (l) has her vitals checked by April Hatchett.

Lindsey Jones (r) gets Leaf Minar (l) prepared to give blood.

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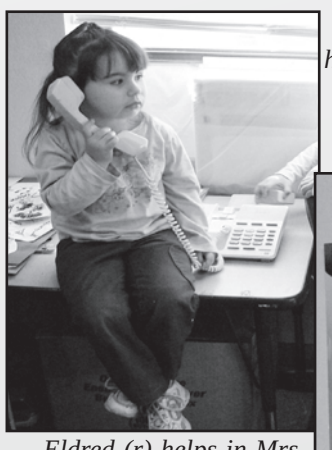
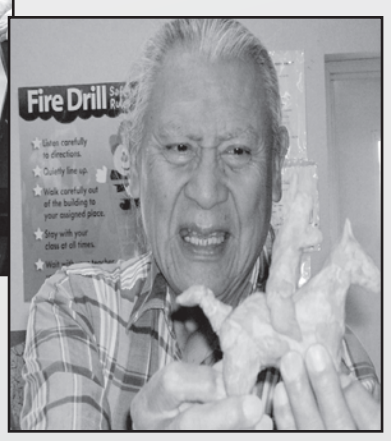
Courtesy photos

William and Wilma teach students to exercise at the Clinton Head Start.



Daime (l) is pretending to call her mom with a play phone.



Eldred (r) helps in Mrs. Janice classroom showing the students how to make a horse with an Indian sitting on top.

Mrs. Ellisa teaches her students finger counting in Cheyenne and Spanish at the Clinton Head Start.

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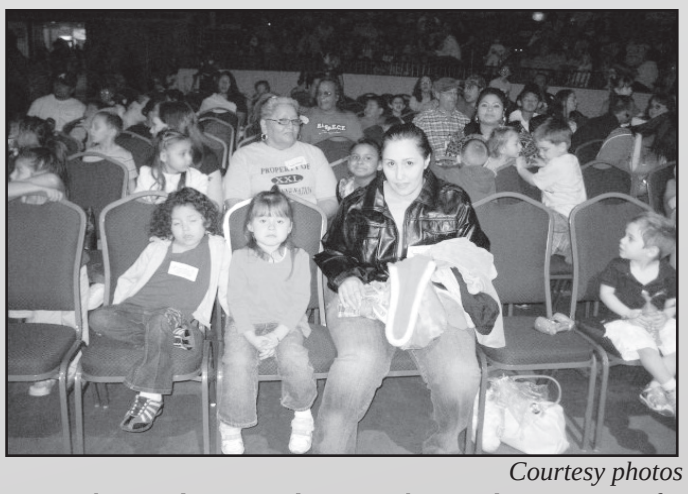

Courtesy photos

Concho Head Start students, teachers and parents wait for the Seasame Street show to start on Friday, March 6, 2009

Jacob Youngbear enjoys some cotton candy..

Hennesy and mom enjoy some quality time together.

Crisis assistance program temporary guidelines

Submitted article

-Household food assistance will be reduced to previous allowance amounts prior to May 5, 2008.

-Hospitalization food assistance – only one assist during family member's stay in the hospital.

-Disallow food assistance for medical appointments.

-Travel assistance for medical appointments will be granted only after third appointment within a 30 day period.

-Disallow hospital transportation for local travel-from motel to hospital.

-Discontinue short-term utility assistance.

-Only two weeks maximum stay for temporary lodging.

-Home repair assisted only in time of disaster.

-Disallow mortgage payments.

-Revert to previous rental allowance prior to June 5, 2008-one rental assist per 12 month period from date of service.

-Enforce prescription and medical supply guidelines- client must show an unmet need-as other agencies assist with prescription and medical supplies.

-Medical - other-maximum amount of assistance is $1,000.00

-These changes will remain in effect until the Crisis Program has the funds to revert back to the 2009 guidelines or new guidelines are in place.

CATC student receives Upcoming Outstanding Leader award

Submitted article

Emily Garrison and Oveta Whiteshirt Lira, of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University/ Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College (SWOSU/CATC) Native American Club, attended the Oklahoma Native American Students for Higher Education conference Feb. 6-7, 2009, which was hosted by Oklahoma City University. Approximately 100 students enrolled in the state's colleges and universities attended the conference. At the awards ceremony, Lira was honored as the Upcoming Outstanding Leader.

Oveta Whiteshirt Lira

The following represents her recent interview with the SWOSU student newspaper. *Reprinted with permission.*

1. What is your name? Oveta Whiteshirt Lira. My Cheyenne name is "ve-ho-ga," which means White Girl.

2. Major? I am still undecided at the moment about my major but my minor will be in Native American Studies.

3. Hometown? Dallas, Texas. I was born in Oklahoma City and grew up in Dallas, Texas. I graduated from Bryan Adams High School in 1979. My family is originally from Watonga, Okla.

4. What year are you in college? First year freshman!!

5. What classes are you taking with CATC? Cheyenne Language I and II and Art History of the Plains Indians. Plus all of my general education classes.

6. What are your future goals? To obtain my degree and get a better paying job to support myself, my 12-year-old son, Elijah Andrew, and my grandchildren. To be their role model that they may go on right after high school to college and not wait half a life time to get started.

7. How do you think CATC is helping you? The staff at CATC are all wonderful, especially my advisor, Mrs. Gail Wilcox, who gives me encouragement on a daily basis. Dr. Henrietta Mann, who has achieved a lot in her lifetime, with her education, is a wonderful role model for all Native American women to strive to better themselves and be of service to all people. CATC is moving in a positive direction in the future of education for Native American students of all tribes who enroll in the college and will eventually be able to offer associates degrees in different areas.

8. What message do you have for other fellow Native Americans? That no matter what your circumstances are in your life, past or present, it is never too late to make positive changes. Native Americans have faced a lot of prejudice and have been unfairly stereotyped in the past and it is time for us to stand up and change the way that non-natives perceive us. To do this, I feel that we need to have educated Native American people who can help to erase the stigmas of the past and to help put our people in a positive light.

9. What activities do you engage in with CATC? I am employed with CATC as a student assistant and this semester have had the opportunity to receive a NASA Space Grant Scholarship for the Introduction to Robotics course being offered here at SWOSU. This course is taught by Mrs. Madeline Baugher. I also had the opportunity to attend the Oklahoma Native American Students in Higher Education (ONASHE) Conference at OCU on Feb. 6 and 7, 2009 and was very honored to receive the award for Outstanding Up and Coming Leader for 2009. I am also a member of the Native American Club and we are getting ready to have our Spring Powwow on April 4, 2009 at the Wellness Center and I would like to invite everyone to come for that event.

10. What activities do you engage in with your tribe? I am a proud member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe and I and my family are active in our cultural and traditional ways of life.

11. How can you be influential to your community? Being an older student and a first year freshman, I hope to give encouragement to others who may think that it is too late in their lives to come to college and get their degree. I am also vice-chairman of the Clinton Public Schools Native American Parent Advisory Committee. I hope to use my education for the betterment of my people. There have been some people ask me why at this late stage, have I decided to go to college. What am I trying to prove?? I tell them, I am trying to prove to myself and myself only, that I can change the direction of my life, even though it is in mid-stream. If I fail, then I have only hurt myself. I don't plan to fail!!

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College is privileged to have Oveta as one of its students and as an employee. She is doing exactly what the tribal college was created for, which is to provide the opportunity for Cheyenne and Arapaho people to pursue a college education. CATC offers her its congratulations for the leadership award, and encouragement for her continued educational success.

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Baylen Bullcoming wins an award for a drug awareness essay.

Bullcoming wins award

Submitted article

Baylen Bullcoming a sixth grade student of Lookeba-Sickles Public School, was one of a few winners that was presented awards from the Chickasha Elks Lodge at their annual youth banquet.

Bullcoming won the award and a savings bond for essays he wrote on drug awareness. The winners were chosen from 635 essays submitted from seven schools. There were 14 winners.

Bullcoming is the son of Angela Silago. He has one brother, Cheyenne and two sisters, Morgan and Skye. Bullcoming is the grandson of Clifford and Sharon Silago of Lookeba. Also the grandson of Esther Seger of Hammon, and the late Donald Bullcoming Sr. We are very proud of him for all his accomplishments and we love him so much.

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Diversifying tribal higher education

By Royce Freeman

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, the 2009 College Board Southwestern Regional Forum began with one of its first presentations titled, *Tribal Higher Education: Diversifying Essential Educational Support.*

This presentation was presented by four Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Department of Education (CADOE) staff members: Quinton Roman Nose (executive director), Royce Freeman (executive secretary), Jerrolyn Doyebi (Higher Education assistant) and Marshall Medicine Bear (Higher Education counselor).

Briefly though, so you can understand this momentous event, let me explain a bit about what the College Board is.

The College Board, if you're not already familiar with it, is a non-profit membership association, founded in the year 1900, "to connect students to college success and opportunity" (College Board Web site).

The College Board serves over seven million students and parents each year, along with, "23,000 high schools and 3,500 colleges through major programs and services in college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment, and teaching and learning," (College Board Web site).

Some of the most widely know programs developed by the association are the SAT and the Advanced Placement programs.

The organization utilizes networking between its members to the fullest. It provides services that are basic necessities to the success of a student's educational goals.

The association does not just focus on the basic subjects of English, mathematics/statistics, and science. The organization stretches to include arts, history, social sciences and world languages.

This broad focus directly involves tribal nations on many levels, one being the new classification of tribal languages as "world languages."

Tribal languages, in some schools, can be included in the curriculum as supplementing a language requirement.

Currently, the Cheyenne and Arapaho languages are being taught in a handful of local high schools and colleges in Oklahoma by the CADOE language program instructors.

The diversification of tribal education resources for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members is the key to the success of their long term educational goals.

The College Board presentation focused on five points: 1) The history of tribal higher education, 2) Creating a tribal education department, 3) Community and tribal support, 4) Community partnership, 5) Diversifying essential educational support. These points were told through the history and establishment of CADOE.

Some of the key events discussed were those which aided the development of many tribal higher education programs, these being the 1969 Kennedy Report, *Indian Education: A National Tragedy, A National Challenge* and the 1975 Public Law 93-638 The Indian Self-determination and Education Assistance Act.

These two events did not only supply an economic partnership between tribes and the U.S. Government it also cemented the involvement of the U.S. Government in tribal higher education programs.

However, we must not forget the fact that we as tribal people have had educational systems long before the establishment of the U.S. Government (Dr. Henrietta Mann).

But with the effects of generations of genocide, alcoholism and family dysfunctions, many of these teachings have been systematically dismantled.

Tribal cultural education systems have had a long road to becoming molded into tribal colleges, tribal cultural programs and tribal education departments.

Yet, the goal of the presentation was not to point out the injustices or the downfalls of the past and current tribal education efforts; it was to demonstrate the current and future diversification of tribal educational services.

Currently, the CADOE has 13 programs that all assist with the educational needs of tribal members, from the beginnings of each member's educational careers and long after their college graduations.

However, the current services still can be improved and expanded to offer much more.

Continuing to partner with local services and state services tribal programs can offer more than just financial benefits for tribal students at all grade levels.

Tribal education programs need to actively participant throughout their tribal member's entire academic careers.

Asking what the student's educational and career goals are and connecting them to the resources offered locally, throughout the state, the country and internationally.

Yet, as always there are many variables that affect the viability of these services, but to the tribal members who are willing to utilize these services to their benefits, they can be life changing.

From my personal experience, I would have liked my own tribe's higher education program to offer more than just scholarship assistance.

Even though, I greatly appreciate their support, I, like many others have needed guidance and non-financial support during my college career.

I would have liked to have experienced a tribal education program which provides additional resources, which assist not just in academic success, but in the success of a career and in life.

In the CADOE Higher Education program, we are working to launch a new Web site which is one of the first, in many steps needed to aid our program with connecting to our students and connecting them with their fellow students and possible mentors.

At the end of this month we will be announcing the launching date and the web address, so keep an eye out for it.

Our program hopes that all of our current and future Cheyenne and Arapaho students will take full advantage of applying online and networking for academic, social and cultural advice with their fellow tribal students.

A key goal for the Higher Education program is to help with the overall transition from secondary schooling through college and into the work force.

Many tribal members earn their degrees and then experience a lapse of time where they are questioning "now what can I do with my degree."

There needs to be help after graduation, with career advice and assistance, whether or not the tribal member intends to seek employment from a tribal entity.

This goal and many more were the main point of the College Board presentation; it is what can be done now and in the future to assure every chance of academic success for our Cheyenne and Arapaho students.

I feel that the *Tribal Higher Education: Diversifying Essential Educational Support* presentation was a momentous occasion.

As tribal higher education employees and Native American students, we were able to voice the needs of many of our Cheyenne and Arapaho students. At the same time, we were educated on why there is the necessity of such programs in the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Department of Education, and why they should be accessible to Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members both residing in and outside of Oklahoma.

Higher education, The American Recovery, Reinvestment Act of 2009

Submitted article

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("the Act") was signed into law by President Barack Obama on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2009.

This historic legislation seeks to immediately stimulate job creation during these challenging economic times by cutting taxes and investing hundreds of billions of dollars over the next two years in critical sectors such as energy, health care, infrastructure and education.

Such as:

College Affordability — $30.8 Billion:

- $17 billion to close the shortfall in the Pell Grant program and boost grant amounts by $500 to $5350 in the first year and more in the second year, serving an estimated seven million low and moderate-income young people and adults.
- $13.8 billion to boost the tuition tax credit from $1800 to $2500 for families earning up to $180,000.

http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/overview.html

Department of Education
Increase in Federal Pell Grants

State	2008 annual	Recovery & Reinvestment Act Preliminary Estimates	2009 increase funds
Oklahoma	$240,368,869	$338,844,800	$98,475,931

http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf

What does this mean for our Cheyenne and Arapaho higher education students?

"The Act" will strengthen the economy by raising pell grants and tuition tax credits to help more young people attend college. It is very important that all of our students apply for as many grants and scholarships as possible.

All of the C&A Higher Education applicants are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA can be completed at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/. The deadline for Oklahoma is April 15, 2009.

It is always best to research online for other grants and scholarships. The tribal Web site has many useful links for college students looking for grants and scholarships at http://www.c-a-tribes.org/useful-links or http://www.fredonia.edu/na/InternshipDirectory.asp for a directory of Native American internships.

State (Oklahoma) financial assistance:

Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP): *Must apply for in high school http://www.okhighered.org/okpromise/.

Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Program (OTAG): *For best consideration, you should complete and submit the FAFSA to the federal student aid application system as soon as possible after Jan. 1.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO APPLY EARLY. Typically, OTAG receives more eligible applications than can be awarded with available funds, and how early a student applies can be the deciding factor in whether that student is offered an OTAG award. http://www.okhighered.org/student-center/financial-aid/otag.shtml/.

Frequently asked questions regarding OTAG:

http://www.okcollegestart.org/FAQs/Financial_Aid/OTAG.aspx#1.

As a reminder, FRESHMAN and high-risk (Pro-Rated) students are required to submit a mid-term progress grade report by MARCH 13, 2009 to release the remainder of their funding.

Contact our office if you need a midterm grade report mailed to you. The Higher Education office is not worried about the students' grades at this time, as they have the remainder of the semester to bring up their grades.

The grade-reports are a way of showing Higher Education staff that you are still attending school.

Absolutely no progress reports will be accepted after **MARCH 27, 2009**!!!!!!!!!

Attention all Higher Education Applicants and future applicants: For the 2009-2010 academic year, you must have STARTED an application by June 1, 2009, and the student's file MUST BE COMPLETE by **Oct. 1, 2009** with ALL NEEDED OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS OR APPEALS!!!!!!

Contact the Higher Education staff if you have any questions or concerns.

The staff includes: Jerrolyn Doyebi, Cheryl Pollock, Michael Bell - (405) 422-7653. The e-mail address is: heducation@c-a-tribes.org.

Geary JOM parent meeting

Submitted article

All parents/guardians of Native American students within the Geary Public School District are invited to attend the JOM Parent Committee Meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 23, 2009.

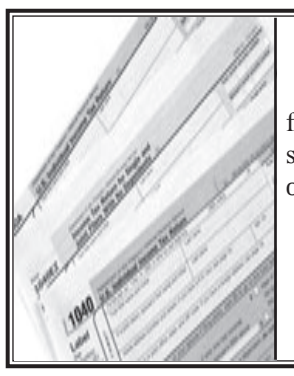
The meeting will be held at the Arapaho 2 Community Hall, we will be discussing the needs assessments, and developing a budget. Needs assessments can be obtained online at www.catjom.blogspot.com, from Deborah Youngbull, or from the JOM office. If there are any questions, contact Kerri Cole at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27564.

Calumet JOM parent meeting

Submitted article

All parents/guardians of Native American students within the Calumet Public School District are invited to attend the JOM Parent Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2009

The meeting will be held at the High School Home Ec. Room. We will be discussing the needs assessments, and developing a budget. Needs assessments can be obtained online at www.catjom.blogspot.com, from Jean Bear, or from the JOM office. If there are any questions, contact Kerri Cole at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27564.



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SWOSU Native American Club powwow

April 4, 2009 at the SWOSU Wellness Center (corner of Broadway and Davis) in Weatherford, Okla. Gourd dance 3 p.m., supper 5 p.m., grand entry 7 p.m.

American Legion Post 401 & Ladies Auxillary

Indian Taco Sale

TIME: 1130 a.m. to 1 p.m.
DATE: March 27, 2009
PLACE: Rollin Haag Native American Church.
MENU: Indian taco, cake, and drink.
COST: $6 (Six Dollars)

Take out or eat in.

All proceeds go to the Concho American Legion Post 401 and Ladies Auxiliary. For more information, call Linda Schneider at (405) 201-6100.

Respect & Parenting Classes
Date: March 30 -31, 2009
Time: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Location: Department of Education CATI
1621 D East Hwy 66
El Reno

Please contact: Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribal Health Education
Patricia Yarholar, MPH-CHES @ 405.422.7676 for info

To receive a certificate of attendance participants must attend all classes. No Exceptions!

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~Wednesday, March 18: 10am - 3pm Rock of Restoration, Geary
Transportation: El Reno Walmart parking lot @ 9:00 am

~Thursday, March 19: 10am - 2pm High School Gym, Hammon

*The camp will be directed toward tribal and Native youth ages 8 to 14 in C & A communities in Western Oklahoma. Our goal is to teach our youth about prevention, strength, and taking control of our health.
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Simple office workout routines

By Anthony Carrera, Diabetes Wellness Program

Sitting behind a desk all day can be harmful to your health. Here are a couple of exercises to get you through the day. First of all, you should stand up from your desk frequently to get the blood circulating in your legs.

To loosen up the muscles in your upper body, clasp the fingers of your hands together and stretch your arms up straight over your head.

To stretch your thumb, simply hold one hand with the palm facing outward and with the other hand, gently pull the thumb downward. Repeat this exercise two or three times with each hand.

References are made from an article written by Tamara E. Holmes entitled "Office Exercises Keep Energy Flowing," with a release date of July 18, 2003.

Turtle wins Native American music award

Janelle Turtle was the first female to win in the Best Native American Church Recording category at the Native American Music Awards (NAMA) held on Oct. 4, 2008 in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

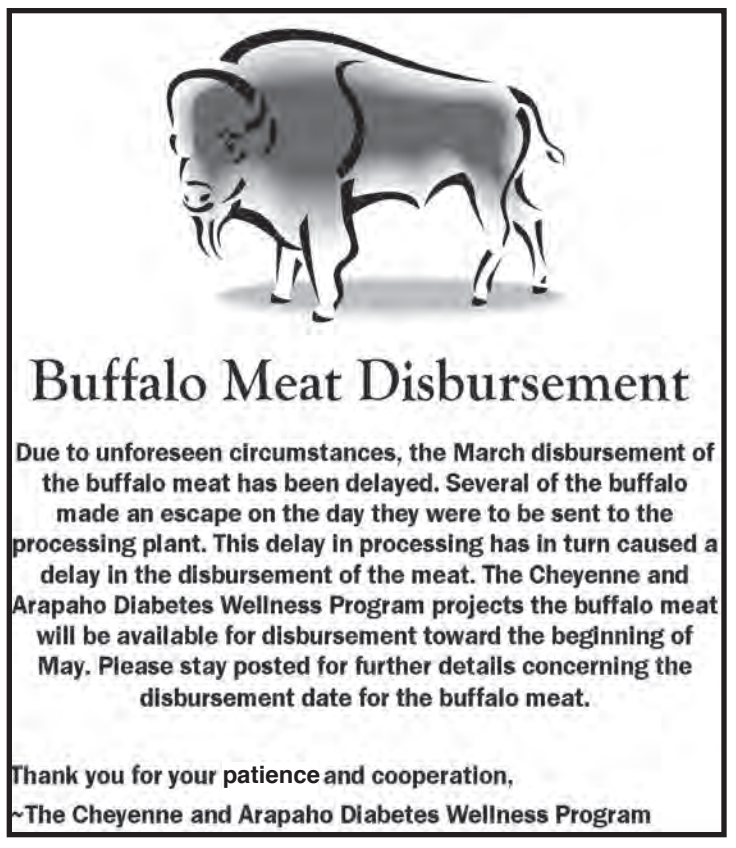
Janelle Turtle

"Thank you for all the people that supported me," Turtle said. "I'm very proud to represent the Cheyenne people."

Turtle's father is Nelson Turtle Sr., and she currently resides in Bellingham, Wash.

Turtle was nominated in three different categories: Best Native American Church recording, Best Debut Artist, and Best Traditional Artist. She has two CD's. The first CD is titled Janelle Turtle – New Beginning and her second CD is titled New Beginning Vol. II. Both CD's were recorded in Window Rock, Ariz. with Cool Runnings Music.

She attended the awards ceremony with her brother Nelson Turtle, Jr. To view Turtle's CD, visit http://www.coolrunningsmusic.com/NAC.html.


Buffalo Meat Disbursement
Due to unforeseen circumstances, the March disbursement of the buffalo meat has been delayed. Several of the buffalo made an escape on the day they were to be sent to the processing plant. This delay in processing has in turn caused a delay in the disbursement of the meat. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabetes Wellness Program projects the buffalo meat will be available for disbursement toward the beginning of May. Please stay posted for further details concerning the disbursement date for the buffalo meat.
Thank you for your patience and cooperation,
~The Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabetes Wellness Program

EATING well for DIABETES

By Kristie Purdy, MA, RD, C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

Managing Diabetes at Work

Managing diabetes isn't easy to deal with when you are working eight hours a day, five days a week, and on the go. Managing diabetes means maintaining healthy blood sugar levels. When blood sugars become too high or too low you may start to feel sluggish. Keeping control of your diabetes is priority in order for you to feel energized and manage the tasks needing to be accomplished throughout the day.

If the majority of your day is spent at a desk, set the alarm on your computer to block-out time on your daily calendar for diabetes management. It is important for those with diabetes to have a normal routine of checking their blood sugars and maintaining a structured eating plan throughout the day. The alarm will remind you to stop working and tend to your diabetes needs. You may want to remind yourself of when you need to check your blood sugars, or when you should eat.

If your work calls for you to be on your feet or out of the office, a phone or a watch with a programmable alarm may be a better option to remind you to tend to your diabetes care. Remember, it is important to check your blood sugars first thing when you get up, before your meals, and two hours after your meals. It is also a good idea to eat at least three meals with a snack between each meal.

Plan ahead and be prepared at work. You may want to keep a stash of healthy snacks and lunch options available at your desk or locker. It's important to eat the correct amount of food to maintain blood sugar levels. Make ¼ of your plate whole grains, ¼ of your plate protein and fill the other half with non-starchy vegetables. For a meal plan tailored to your individual needs, you may want to make an appointment with a registered dietitian.

If you pack a brown-bag lunch, it is much easier to control the options and portions available to you at lunch time. If you're eating out at a restaurant for lunch, you may want to see if the particular restaurant you choose to dine at has nutrition facts available for you to view. By viewing the nutrition facts, you are able to determine how many carbohydrates are in the dish you are about to eat and whether or not the dish will fit into your meal plan. If you have computer access, most restaurants place their menu with nutrition facts online. This will make it easier for you to plan your course of action before you leave the office.

If your blood sugar is running a little high, and your employer allows, take a walk around the block or building during the middle of your day. Even as little as ten minutes of exercise can significantly reduce blood sugar levels. A short amount of exercise can boost your energy level and get you back to your meetings, e-mails and phone calls. For questions concerning diabetes management, please contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabetes Wellness Program at (405) 422-7688.

Rival bills pushed on hot language issue

(OKLAHOMA CITY) - Oklahoma lawmakers have a choice this year: English as the ``official'' language of the state versus English as the ``common'' language.

Two measures addressing a touchy subject for many Oklahomans - communications with their government - are going through the legislative process.

Their sponsors are conservative Republicans, but their views are miles apart on the issue.

Rep. Randy Terrill, R-Moore, is back with his proposal for a vote of the people on establishing English as the official language of state government.

Sen. Patrick Anderson, R-Enid, thinks Terrill's plan is unconstitutional and has offered his ``common language'' alternative.

``I'm not a big proponent of my bill, but I think it is better than what Rep. Terrill has proposed,'' Anderson says.

Terrill refers to Anderson's plan as ``meaningless.''

The two legislators debated the issue last week before the Oklahoma Conservative Political Action Committee.

It was friendly territory for Terrill, who drew financial support from members of the conservative group in his re-election bid and was championed for his sponsorship of House Bill 1804, the state's tough anti-illegal immigration bill.

Charlie Meadows, chairman of the OCPAC, said he wanted to bring the two together to see if they could find some common ground and to explain their differences.

Meadows also disclosed that years before he had been a member of the U.S. English organization, which tried in vain to get an official English bill through Congress.

A third party in the debate are leaders of American Indian tribes. Chiefs of the five Civilized Tribes recently went on record for a second time against Terrill's legislation.

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chad Smith called it ``intolerant, close-minded and mean-spirited.''

``To me, it's not what Oklahomans are about as a people,'' Smith said. ``We are warmhearted and accepting.''

Smith said he thinks Terrill's legislation is specifically aimed at Hispanics, but ``the biggest class of citizens who do not speak English as their first language are Indians, Native Americans.''

``Terrill's bill divides people; Anderson's bill acknowledges our commonality,'' he said.

Terrill said he was ``perplexed and confused the tribes would be opposed to this particular proposal because it exempts tribal languages.''

The lawmaker said 30 other states have established a form of ``official'' English, but his plan would be the ``strongest'' proposal among the states.

Anderson said Terrill's plan is different from other official English measures because it contains a provision that ``tries to define what is and what is not federal law. I'm not sure of any state that has done that.''

He said it is unlike other state laws that contain express exclusions for federal law.

Anderson said lawmakers must be careful not to create confusion for state agencies that administer federal funds.

He also referred to an Oklahoma Supreme Court ruling in 2002 invalidating a state question that would have prohibited the use of non-English languages in state government. The state court said the proposal violated free speech rights.

``Free speech protects all speech, not just those who speak in English,'' Anderson said.

Terrill characterized Anderson's arguments as ``legal mumbo-jumbo that keeps us from doing what we ought to do.''

He said he was convinced his plan is constitutional.

Senate President Pro Tem Glenn Coffee, R-Oklahoma City, said last week he did not yet have a position on the issue and he did not know if the GOP caucus would have one.

Terrill said he would push hard for his plan, with the help of national groups that support the official English argument.

He said he was not impressed with Anderson's legal arguments, saying the Enid senator ``perhaps got his law degree from Sears & Roebuck or Montgomery Ward.''

Earlier, Anderson said he brought his bill in an effort to find a workable solution to the issue. He said he decided on the phrase, ``common language,'' after talking to tribal leaders.

``Neither my bill nor his will create one job in Oklahoma or help us solve our budget crisis. The reason I'm bringing my bill forward is to get this issue off the table so we can get focused on what's truly important in Oklahoma.''

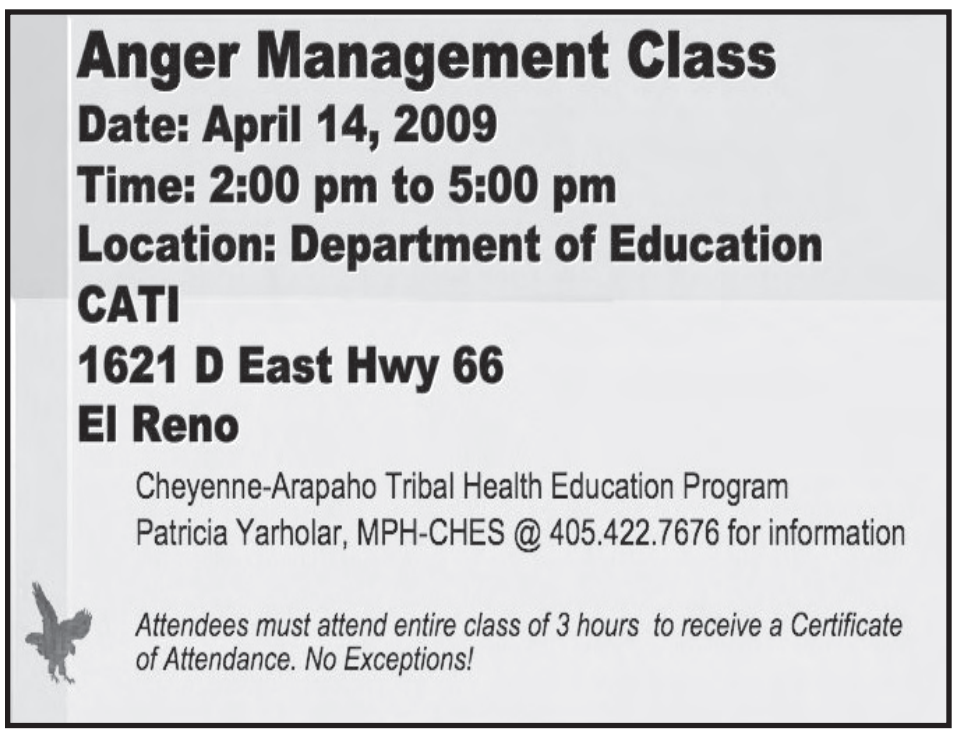
Cooking with commods

Barbecued Corn

2 tablespoons olive oil
Pinch cayenne pepper
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4-1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon dried oregano
4 ears corn, husked and cleaned

Directions:
1. Preheat an outdoor grill to medium high heat
2. In a medium bowl, combine the cayenne pepper, garlic powder, chili powder and oregano. Add the olive oil and mix well. Brush this mixture lightly on each ear of corn.
3. Wrap each ear in foil or clean husks and secure ends.
4. Grill ears over medium high heat for 20 to 25 minutes or until the corn is tender when poked with a fork.

Nutrition Information:
1 Ear: Calories 118; Total Fat 7g: Saturated Fat 1g; Cholesterol 0 mg; Sodium (salt) 2 mg; Carbohydrates 14g;Fiber 1.5g; Protein 2g.


Anger Management Class
Date: April 14, 2009
Time: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Location: Department of Education
CATI
1621 D East Hwy 66
El Reno
Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribal Health Education Program
Patricia Yarholar, MPH-CHES @ 405.422.7676 for information
Attendees must attend entire class of 3 hours to receive a Certificate of Attendance. No Exceptions!

BRIEFS

World HIV/AIDS Conference and Expo

March 30-31, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in Washington, D.C. For more information call (240) 206-8481.

All Ivy Native Council Conference Spring 2009 Conference

April 3-5, 2009 Yale University in New Haven, Conn. For more information email mikaela.honhongva@yale.edu

The 2009 Native Women and Men Wellness Conference-"Circles of Wellness: Self, Family, Community, and Nation"

April 5-9, 2009 in San Diego, Calif. For more information contact Sue Thomas (405) 325-1799 or by email suethomas@ou.edu.

Seventh annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair

April 6-7, 2009 at the Sam Noble Museum of History, Norman, Okla. For registration information, contact the Native American languages department:(405) 325-7588.

National Conference on Summer Learning

April 15-17, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago, Ill. For more information visit www.summerlearning.org.

Fifth annual Giving the Gift of Language-Symposium and Teacher Training Workshop for Native Language Instruction and Acquisition

April 16—18, 2009 Missoula, Mont. For more information visit www.nsulc.org.

American Indian Prevention Services Conference-Dancing The Wheel of Wellness

April 20-21, 2009 at the Embassy Suites in Norman, Okla. For more information visit www.all.outreach.ou.edu.

The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) Sixth annual Training Conference, Many Nations, One Voice

June 1-5, 2009 in San Diego, Calif. at the Town and Country Hotel.

Designed to provide Native American students an opportunity to learn about careers within the federal government, to participate in professional and personal development workshops and training, and to network with Native American professionals.

SAIGE is offering a limited number of scholarships for Native American students to attend the training conference.

The scholarships will include conference fee, airfare, hotel accommodations and per diem for meals.

The Youth Track is open to Native American students between the ages of 18 and 25 who can demonstrate they are currently enrolled in an accredited high school, college or university. Students must be interested in gaining a professional degree and in the possibility of pursing a career with the federal government.

Submit an application form, letter of reference, proof of school enrollment, and completed emergency medical information form for consideration. Completed application packets must be postmarked or electronic copies sent no later than **April 1, 2009**. To obtain a complete application visit: www.saige.org.

CULTURAL CORNER

The Arapahos on the Great Plains

By Abraham Pedro

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Edited by Abraham Pedro

Part One: Arapaho Origins

Columnist Note: After having reviewed this manuscript, and knowing the amount of research that has gone into this, I decided to republish this as an accurate account of the origins of our Arapaho people. There are many theories that attest to where we come from on this continent, one of them being the Bering Land Bridge theory, where we migrated from Asia onto this continent. However, I continue to believe that this cannot be accurate or rather that what we may know about this continent is very, very old, much older than any of us can ever know. I tend to think that our traditional stories are true from where we come from: we have been here forever, regardless of any theory. With that, I begin the account of the Arapaho people.

Very little is known of the history of the Arapaho before the beginning of the 19th Century. According to a few traditions, the Arapaho are believed to have once lived in Minnesota. Their life was semi-sedentary; they raised corn and hunted wild game native to the area.

At that time the Arapaho were in the company of the Cheyenne, who lived along the Cheyenne fork of the Red River. In the early historical references to the Cheyenne, however, no mention is made of the Arapaho being east of the Missouri River. In historical times the Arapaho and Cheyenne are close allies. This alliance implies that there could have been earlier connections between the two tribes before they migrated to the plains.

In piecing together the pre-history of the Arapaho, no archaeological evidence has yet to be found to verify their inhabitation of Minnesota. The only real evidence of the Arapaho being from the east is the fact that they speak an Algonquian dialect. The Algonquian language family spread from the northeastern region of North America—with the Arapaho language being a western dialect.

Tribal legends of the Arapaho give some vague clues as to where the people might have come from. One legend describes a migration and subsequent split of the tribe into two groups. This legend may be only conjecture, or it may be a fragment of tribal memories, but it only relates a theory of tribal origin.

"The people were travelling southeastward, coming from the far northwest. As they journeyed in search of a warm land where they could make their homes they had to cross frozen rivers and travel through high and dangerous mountains.

Since there were no means of travel, everyone had to walk. They carried with them whatever possessions they owned. Because they had to walk carrying heavy bundles, the journey was very slow.

As they traveled, they encountered cold winds and raging snowstorms. On the days when the sun did shine, the sunlight glared off the snow and ice and made the day very bright. On a day like this, the people were crossing a river of ice when a young girl saw something sticking out of the ice.

The object was smooth looking, and the girl thought that she would like to have it for a toy. She asked her grandmother to get it for her, so the old lady began to chop the ice around the object. As she was chopping the ice she accidentally struck the object, cutting it deeply. She bent to look at the strange shape and noticed it was beginning to bleed. Suddenly the ice moved under her feet as the animal frozen in the ice began to come alive. As the creature thrashed about the ice began to break.

When the people realized what was happening they became frightened and ran. Some ran forward across the river and some turned and ran back towards the shoreline. In their fright both groups kept on running until they had lost sight of each other.

After they had calmed down, they realized their group was now divided. One group was lost somewhere on the opposite side of the river, and it would be impossible to go back now that the ice had broken. So, with sorrow at losing some of their people, the group continued on with their journey south."

This is also a legend in many tribes of Algonquin descent, including our Cheyenne people. This story has also been taken to refer to the original geographical split between Gros Ventres and Arapahos, which at one time was one tribe.

According to legends and theories, the Arapaho lived for a time in Minnesota. If we accept this, then we can suppose they eventually migrated west to their historic trajectory on the plains.

In their westward migration, they may have begun their journey from some point along the Red River of Minnesota, possibly where the Cheyenne River joins the Red River near Fargo, N.D.

Their possible route could have taken them from the Red River Northwest along the Cheyenne River of North Dakota, then cross-country until they reached the Missouri River, then onward northwest until they reached the Yellowstone River in Montana. When they reached this, the tribe would have turned south until they came to the Powder River in Wyoming, which would have taken them to the central plains in Wyoming. From there, they would have drifted south to their historic location in eastern Colorado.

The migration may have taken several generations to complete, and along the way the tribal culture may have evolved from foot travelers to horse mounted caravans. It may have been during this migration that the tribe began to acquire horses, which would have given them a greater mobility.

Once the tribe was finally located on the plains, their culture flourished until it became a typical Plains Indian culture. They were fully mounted warriors and hunters; and their economy was derived mainly from the buffalo.

Their social organization became more pronounced and defined; and their area of occupation was extended further south into Colorado.

Next edition: "Arapaho Economy."

Woman last to speak Wichita Indian language

(WICHITA, Kan.) - She remembers when everyone around her spoke the language of the Wichita.

Now they are all gone.

So Doris Jean Lamar McLemore, 82, the last Wichita Indian fluent in the language of her people, carries a small tape recorder to save as much of it as she can.

She doesn't know how to play back her words, but she knows how to turn it on and speak into it when a word or phrase that must be preserved comes to mind.

The loss of conversation was so gradual as to be imperceptible to her. The generations of elders passed away over decades, and she never saw this day coming.

``I never expected to be the last speaker,'' she said. ``I never ever imagined it.''

The Wichita language is one of 199 that is critically endangered, meaning there are fewer than 10 elderly speakers, according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

All told, some 2,500 languages are in danger of becoming extinct or have recently disappeared, taking with them poems, legends and proverbs, according to the organization, which released its Atlas of the World's Languages in Danger in mid-February.

Several hundred people spoke Wichita four decades ago, when University of Colorado linguistics professor David Rood started studying it.

Today, only two or three know many of the words, and only McLemore is fluent, he said.

When she's gone, a unique form of expression will disappear.

``Language reveals a lot about our cognitive system, about how you recognize the world you see around you,'' Rood said.

``Every time you lose a language, you've lost part of the picture of what the human intellect is capable of.''

McLemore was fluent in Wichita as well as English for as long as she can remember. Born in 1927 to a white father and Wichita mother, she was raised by full-blooded grandparents who spoke only Wichita in the home.

Her mother never used the language because children of that generation were forbidden to speak it in their schools.

McLemore's grandfather could speak English, she said, but her grandmother spoke only Wichita. Her grandmother usually hid McLemore's blond hair beneath a hat to make her non-Indian appearance less obvious.

McLemore attended a nearby Indian boarding school, became its head cook when she was 15, and graduated in 1947.

``I loved that place, even though you weren't accepted by some of the Indian students,'' she said.

She spent the next 30 years as house mother at the school.

Two marriages to white husbands produced two daughters and a son, but she didn't

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Journey

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putting people in your life, struggling with change, this person goes to long-term treatment for substance abuse.

During this time he meets another veteran who suggests "maybe" talking to a doctor about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (P.T.S.D.). Again, denial.

Bur he goes, with fear, but hoping maybe to at least get something to help him sleep.

The doctor helps. After months of treatment and learning about readjustment, this person had asked when he arrives at this facility, how long will he be there. A mental health professional answered, "You will know."

So after a long stay and a lot of prayers, his fear subsides. Understanding is slowly creeping into a foggy mind. There was in this book some terminology he finally identified with, so he has an "oh, I get it," moment. He returns to the communities he called home.

Feeling a little better. This time ready to follow others advise, suggestions and lead. With some fear, but hanging on to the belief that the Creator would take care of what he needed to as long as the veteran did his part. Whatever that was.

So the veteran finds himself volunteering at community events, sweeping floors, setting up chairs, emptying trash cans, helping where he can, taking food on plates to elders and the disabled. This helps his self-esteem. Eventually other opportunities arise.

He travels to other states, with only himself at first then with a friend. He goes to a cleansing ceremony to which he was invited to attend by another veteran. At one time this veteran could not travel, even 90 miles from his comfort zone.

He gets other opportunities to travel with friends to other events with other veterans. He feels well at these events (powwows) in Florida.

During this time of spiritual growth he sees a video of other Native American veterans telling how they too found peace through their ceremonies and customs. So he tries sharing his experience and journeys with other Native American veterans with this acceptance of surrender.

He hears at a healing ceremony; you heal the man, you heal the family, you heal the community. This veteran hopes it goes with his tribes. He feels blessed to be alive. Life on life's terms. Thankful God has put people in his life and in his tribes. Speaking for this person, he was honored to be able to attend the 64th Iwo Jima flag raising on Feb. 21, 2009. He has heard prayers and seen changes. He gives his sincerest thanks to the various contributing tribal departments and the smoke shops, and he hopes the Cheyenne and Arapaho Honor Guard represented the tribes honorably.

God bless our chiefs, ceremonial leaders, and our tribal governmental leaders. Thank you for your concern and prayers. I know from personal experience, veterans care for their communities.

Signed, a Vietnam veteran, Alex Warden Jr.

CALENDAR of Events

Seiling, Woodward Community listening meeting
Begins at 6 p.m. March 17, 2009 at the Seiling Community Building.

Second annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Studies Conference
March 19 and 20, 2009 in Denver, Colo. For more information, contact Quinton Roman Nose at (405) 422-7562.

Third annual National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
The Cheyenne-Arapaho Health Education and Community Health Representative (CHR) programs' are hosting a health fair and powwow Friday, March 20, 2009 at the Concho Community Center. Registration from noon to 1 p.m., grand entry at 1 p.m., supper at 5:30 p.m., presentations at 7 p.m. For more information, contact the Health Education office at (405) 422-7676 or 422-7674 or the CHR Program at (405) 422-7670 or 422-7672.

Ghost Tours
March 21, 2009 at Fort Reno in El Reno, Okla.Walking tour of historic area with ghost stories and demonstrations by paranormal studies groups. For more information call (405) 262-3987.

Geary JOM parent meeting
Begins at 7 p.m. March 23, 2009 at the Arapaho 2 Community Hall. For more information, call Kerri Cole at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27564.

Clinton, Weatherford, Colony and Thomas Community listening meeting
Begins at 6 p.m. March 24, 2009 at the Frisco Convention Center in Clinton.

"Get Fit" Light Exercise Classes
From 10 to 11 a.m. March 24, 26 and 31, April 2, 7, 9, 21, 23, 28 and 30, 2009 at the Concho Community Hall. Sponsored by the REACH US program.

Indian Youth and Family Summit
March 25, 2009 at the University of Oklahoma. Contact Susan Arkeketa at sarkeketa@cs.com for more information.

The 2009 Miss, Junior Miss, and Little Miss Indian
March 27, 2009 at the Destiny Christian Center in Del City, Okla. Competition and performance sponsored by Changing Winds Cultural Society and reception sponsored by the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic. For more information contact Shirley Wapskineh (405) 632-5227 or email at swapskineh@sbcglobal.net.

Seventh annual "Native Hoops" Women's and Men's Tournament
March 28-29, 2009 at the Huston Huffman Center I Norman, Okla. For more information call (918) 639-1634.

First Native American Hoops Youth Co-Ed Basketball Invitational
Begins at 8 a.m. March 28, 2009 at Haskell Indian Nations University Coffin Complex in Lawrence, Kan. There is no entry fee. Grades ninth-12th must have an adult head coach. A health screening fair will also be open to the public. For more information, call (973) 588-3788.

Oklahoma Indian Nation benefit dance
Supper begins at 5 p.m. March 28, 2009 at the Geary Tri-County building in Gary, Okla. Princess applications will be accepted.

Home and Garden Expo
March 28-29, 2009 at the Frisco Center, Clinton, Okla. Free admission for seniors and children 5 and younger. For more information call (580) 323-2222 or visit clintonok.org.

Elk City, Hammon Community listening meeting
Begins at 6 p.m. March 31, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in Elk City.

SWOSU Native American Club powwow
April 4, 2009 at the SWOSU Wellness Center (corner of Broadway and Davis) in Weatherford, Okla. Gourd dance 3 p.m., supper 5 p.m., grand entry 7 p.m. Special invitations to tribal leaders, tribal princesses and drum groups. For more information, call (580) 774-3139.

Benefit Dance for Brandy Fasthorse
April 4, 2009 at Darlington School in El Reno, Okla. Supper served at 4 p.m. A special invitation to all former Indian Nation princesses. For more information contact Malaina Tallbear (405) 422-7540.

Calumet JOM parent meeting
Begins at 5:30 p.m. April 6, 2009 at the high school home economics room. For more information, call Kerri Cole at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27564.

Watonga Community listening meeting
Begins at 6 p.m. April 7, 2009 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Bldg.

Arapaho Chief Alonzo Sankey Memorial Dance
April 11, 2009 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Building. Supper at 5 p.m. For more information, contact (580) 886-2984 or Angie at (405) 313-3567.

Seminole State College Native American Student Association's Spring Powwow
April 11, 2009 at the Raymond Harber Fieldhouse, Seminole, Okla. Men and Womens' dance contests and tiny tots contest. For more information contact Marie Dawson (405) 382-9249.

Cheyenne, Arapaho actors' talent casting, production crew services now offered to tribal members

Submitted article

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Education Media Studio receives many calls for a list of directory of talented C&A tribal members.

The Media Studio is in the process of creating a Digital Talent Registry for tribal members. Over the past two years, these requests include areas of on-camera talent and production crew behind the camera.

Most of the requests come from film and video production companies that are producing documentaries, commercials and TV films. Many of the calls are a residual result of the many years of experience the C&A Media Production manager acquired over the past 25 years. Some of the experience comes from him working with films such as: *Pow Wow Highway, North & South III, Last of the Mohicans, Last of the Dog Men* and other Native American films. The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Department of Education Production Studio now offers actors' talent casting and production crew registry services to C&A tribal members that are actors and/or production crew.

Here are a few questions you might ask yourself: Do you have on-camera or voice work experience? Have you taken any on-camera acting or voice work classes or workshops? Do you have current digital photos and video of yourself? Do you have a professional audio demo for voiceover work?

The C&A Media Studio will provide tribal members with these tools at no charge and will list the information in the C&A Talent Registry.

Your photo and contact information will be provided to talent agencies, production companies, and casting directors. Whenever you receive a call for a casting for a role or an audition, or possible work with the production crew, you are free to accept or decline as you wish. The C&A Media Studio is not an agency and will not act as your agent. We will provide you with relevant information about the project prior to you agreeing to amounts of compensation and pay.

The C&A Media Studio will always be available to help you with questions you may have. Prominent actors and directors have offered to conduct free acting and directing workshops for Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members.

If you are interested participating in the C&A Talent Registry and/or the free workshops, please contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Department of Education at (405) 422-7568 or email: bwilliamson@c-a-tribes.org

President's 2010 budget request strongly supports VA programs

(WASHINGTON) – President Barack Obama's first proposed budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) expands eligibility for health care to an additional 500,000 veterans over the next five years, meets the need for continued growth in programs for the combat veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, and provides the resources to deliver quality health care for the nation's 5.5 million veteran patients.

The 2010 budget request is a significant step toward realizing a vision shared by the president and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki to transform VA into an organization that is people-centric, results-driven and forward-looking.

"Our success must encompass cost-effectiveness," Shinseki said. "We are stewards of taxpayer dollars, and we will include appropriate metrics to accurately gauge the quality of our care and the effectiveness of our management processes."

If accepted by Congress, the president's budget proposal would increase VA's budget from $97.7 billion this fiscal year to $112.8 billion for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2009.

This is in addition to the $1.4 billion provided for VA projects in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The 2010 budget represents the first step toward increasing discretionary funding for VA efforts by $25 billion over the next five years.

The gradual expansion in health care enrollment that this would support will open hospital and clinic doors to more than 500,000 Veterans by 2013 who have been regrettably excluded from VA medical care benefits since 2003.

The 2010 budget request provides the resources to achieve this level of service while maintaining high quality and timely care for lower-income and service-disabled Veterans who currently rely on VA medical care.

The new budget provides greater benefits for veterans who are medically retired from active duty, allowing for the first time all military retirees to keep their full VA disability compensation along with their retired pay.

The president's budget request also provides the resources for effective implementation of the post-9/11 GI Bill -- providing unprecedented levels of educational support to the men and women who have served our country through active military duty.

The new budget will support additional specialty care in such areas as prosthetics, vision and spinal cord injury, aging, and women's health. New VA Centers of Excellence will focus on improving these critical services.

The proposed fiscal year 2010 budget also addresses the tragic fact of homelessness among veterans.

It expands VA's current services through a collaborative pilot program with non-profit organizations that is aimed at maintaining stable housing for vulnerable veterans at risk of homelessness, while providing them with supportive services to help them get back on their feet through job training, preventive care, and other critical services.

Finally, the president's budget request provides the necessary investments to carry VA services to rural communities that are too often unable to access VA care.

The president's budget expands VA mental health screening and treatment with a focus on reaching Veterans in rural areas in part through an increase in Vet Centers and mobile health clinics. New outreach funding will help rural veterans and their families stay informed of these resources and encourage them to pursue needed care.

Economic Recovery Bill provides Social Security with resources to help Americans

(WASHINGTON) - On Feb. 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Among its provisions are one-time payments to Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries, as well as funding to help the agency address critical needs.

One-Time Payments of $250 For Social Security and SSI Beneficiaries

Nearly 55 million people who receive Social Security and SSI benefits will get a special one-time payment of $250. They should receive the one-time payment by late May 2009.

The payments will be automatic, so people receiving benefits do not need to take any action.

People who receive both Social Security and SSI benefits will receive only one payment of $250.

The legislation also provides for a one-time payment to recipients of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefits. However, if a person receives Social Security or SSI benefits and also receives VA or RRB benefits, he or she will only receive one $250 payment. Social Security will send that payment.

In April, Social Security will send an advance notice with further information to each person who is eligible for the one-time payment.

So that we can issue the payments as quickly as possible, we ask that people not contact Social Security unless their payment is not received by June 4, 2009.

Meanwhile, we encourage people to visit www.socialsecurity.gov/payment for answers to frequently asked questions about the economic recovery one-time payments.

Program seeks to improve dental education, care

(OKLAHOMA CITY) - A pilot program involving researchers at the University of Oklahoma, UCLA and Temple University will seek to give people in rural, urban and tribal areas better access to dental care.

American Dental Association President John Findley joined officials from the OU Health Sciences Center on Friday to announce the creation of the Community Dental Health Coordinator program.

The five-year program will study the use of a new type of health professional called a community dental health coordinator. The coordinator would work in parts of the country that don't have easy or regular access to routine dental care.

``We have a huge problem in this country, and that is access to care,'' Findley said. ``We in dentistry believe that we have some good answers.

``There is no reason in the United States of America that a child goes to bed with a toothache

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Economic Development taking bids for trucks

Submitted article

The Economic Development department would like to let out for bidding four unserviceable trucks beginning on March 16 through 27, 2009. The minimum bid for each truck is $500 and should be submitted to the attention of Charlie Williams, Director-Economic Development and opened at 10 a.m. on March 30, 2009. Bidding is open to everyone.

1. 1999FORDF-350P/UTRUCK,MILEAGE-4,577,7.3DIESELENGINE,4WHEELDRIVE,VIN 1FTSF31F9XECO7170, TRIBAL TAG TRB-020.

2. 2000 FORD F250 XL SUPER DUTY P/U TRUCK, MILEAGE-269,929, 2 WHEEL DRIVE, VIN 1FTNW20L3XEC56432, TRIBAL TAG TRB-272.

3. 2006 FORD F350 4X4 DOUBLE CAB, LOW MILEAGE, 6.0L DIESEL ENGINE, 4 WHEEL DRIVE, VIN 1FDWW37P26ED40853, TRIBAL TAG TRB-032.

4. 2001 FORD F250 P/U TRUCK, LOW MILEAGE, 4 WHEEL DRIVE, VIN 1FTNX20S81EA17664, TRIBAL TAG TRB-156.

Come by the economic development department for bid forms, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bids will be advertised in local newspapers and by posting flyers beginning March 16-27, 2009 and will be announced at 10 a.m. on Monday March 30, 2009, Economic Development/SmokeShop building. Minimum bids $500.

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pass the language on to them, she said. Whenever she talked Wichita with her grandmother, one of her daughters would cry and beg her to stop.

``I was a different person when I was speaking with Grandmother,'' she said.

Years later, the daughter regretted that behavior and wishes now that McLemore had forced her to listen to the language, McLemore said.

One of her husbands couldn't get over her use of the language, either.

``He never thought of me being Indian until he heard me talking to my grandmother,'' she said.

For years, McLemore spoke Wichita into a microphone attached to a laptop computer to be transcribed by Rood. He still travels to Anadarko, Okla., periodically to visit McLemore and document whatever he can.

Now, McLemore, her round, expressive face topped by silver hair, is running out of things to say.

But every morning, while she cooks biscuits and gravy for workers in a small mustard-colored building at the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes complex, former tribal president Gary McAdams sits on a metal folding chair at one of the long dining tables, transcribing things she's already recorded using a writing system developed by Rood.

It is handy for McAdams to have McLemore around. When in doubt, he can ask her to repeat a word so he can accurately transcribe its sound.

Wichita is a difficult language, a halting flow of consonant and vowel sounds broken by glottal stops, sounds made by a quick cutoff of air in the back of the throat.

``I don't know that anyone will ever speak it again,'' says McAdams, who was tribal president from 1990 until last year. ``Doris is amazing for being able to retain as much as she does without having anyone to speak it to on a daily basis.''

One day last week, McLemore and McAdams discussed ways to spell Wichita, the city that was named for the tribe. They also grappled with its meaning.

McAdams spells ``Wichita, Kansas'' as ``Ki:akharikwita.''

McLemore says the meaning of ``wichita'' isn't clear even to her.

``I was reading in a book (it means) 'raccoon eyes', but I don't even know how to say 'raccoon.'" she said.

One pronunciation of ``wichita'' includes a sound that is similar to the phrase meaning ``something on top, like a lid,'' she said.

That could refer to the roofs of the grass, dome-shaped houses the Wichita built when they lived in Kansas during the Civil War.

Those roofs were lower and flatter than the houses they built in Oklahoma, making them more aerodynamic to suit the high Kansas winds, she said.

In 1864, 1,500 members of the Wichita and affiliated tribes had been forced by Confederate troops to leave their reservations in Oklahoma. They settled at the confluence of the Arkansas and Little Arkansas rivers in an area between what is now Murdock and 13th Street.

According to a history provided by the tribe, they had no land to farm and few friends. Many starved, and others suffered from smallpox and cholera epidemics. They had only 822 people when they returned to Oklahoma after the war.

J.R. Mead, an early Wichita developer, suggested naming the city after the tribe, and the name first appeared in print in 1868 on an advertising circular distributed to cattlemen moving their herds north along the Chisholm Trail.

Mead said ``Wichita'' meant ``scattered lodges'' but scholars and others have argued that it means ``tattooed faces,'' ``paint face'' or ``bear eyes.''

McLemore is certain it doesn't mean ``scattered lodges.''

``No way!'' she said.

The language is complex. Rood said it takes 60 to 90 minutes to transcribe even a small portion of it.

There are no words for ``hello'' or ``good-bye,'' for example. The closest to a ``hello'' you can give someone is a phrase for ``How are you?'' --``e : si : raci : ci.''

Today, the roughly 2,400 remaining Wichitas don't feel much of a connection to the city named for them, McAdams said.

``For the most part, most of our people don't know much about our history,'' he said.

He wishes more knew it, and is trying to preserve as much of the tribe's culture as he can, not only the language but songs, dances and oral histories from elders like McLemore.

McLemore is diabetic and years ago struggled with heart problems. She had a pacemaker implanted in 2006 and has felt fine since then.

She works 20 hours a week at the complex, still lives in her own home and does her own housekeeping.

``I can't do things I used to do,'' she said, ``but I sure give it a whirl.''

Whatever comes of the language, it will be her voice that speaks it to future generations on tape recordings.

That is a comfort to her, and something of a marvel.

``They'll be able to hear my voice way down the line even though I won't be here,'' she said.

Opportunities

White House Internship Program

President Barack Obama launched the White House Internship Program for his administration and announced that applications are currently being accepted for summer 2009. Those selected to participate in the program will gain valuable job experience and an inside look at the life of White House staff while building leadership skills.

"This program will mentor and cultivate young leaders of today and tomorrow and I'm proud that they will have this opportunity to serve," Obama said. "I look forward to working with those that are selected to participate and I want to commend all who apply for their desire to help through public service to forge a brighter future for our country."

In addition to normal office duties, interns will supplement their learning experience by attending a weekly lecture series hosted by senior White House staff, help at White House social events, and volunteer in community service projects.

The 2009 Summer Internship program runs from May 22 to Aug. 14, and the submission deadline is March 22, 2009.

Those interested in applying to the White House Internship Program must be:

- US Citizens
- Eighteen years of age on or before the first day of the internship.
- Enrolled in a college or university (2-4 year institution) or must have graduated from college in the past two years.

Interns will be placed in a departmental office for their internship. Below is a list of departments in the Office of the President and the Office of the Vice President where interns could be placed.

White House Department of Scheduling and Advance

The Office of Cabinet Affairs, The White House Communications Department, The White House Office of Public Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs, The Office of the First Lady, The White House Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA), The Office of Political Affairs, The Office of Management and Administration

The Office of White House Counsel, The Domestic Policy Council, The White House Office of Presidential Personnel, Office of the Vice President

More information on the White House Internship Program, including application instructions, can be found at: www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships. ****The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Department of Education will pay for expenses if a Cheyenne and Arapaho student is selected for the White House Internship.***

University of California, Berkeley's Summer Research Opportunity Program

(SROP) provides faculty-mentored research opportunities for underrepresented undergraduate students in the Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, and Physical Sciences. The program encourages and prepares participants to pursue MA/PhD degrees and research careers in these fields. This year SROP has the opportunity to also accommodate students interested in applying to law school.

For detailed program info see: http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/diversity/srop.shtml

The American Indian Graduate Program at The University of California, Berkeley

316 Sproul Hall # 5900, Berkeley, CA 94720-5900

(email) aigp@berkeley.edu / (phone) 510.642.3228 / (fax) 510.643.8909

Summer Institute Program to Increase Diversity (SIPID), Washington

University in St. Louis School of Medicine

Deadline: April 1, 2009

Contact: Linda Schreier, SIPID-GE Program Administrator

Phone: 314-362-1565

Email: linda@wubios.wustl.edu

Web site(s): http://www.biostat.wustl.edu/sipid/index.html and http://www.biostat.wustl.edu/sipid/docs/General%20Admissions.pdf

The Summer Institute Program to Increase Diversity (SIPID) is an all-expense-paid research opportunity sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI). This mentored research program will address the difficulties experienced by junior investigators in establishing independent research programs and negotiating through the academic ranks.

Applications Available for State Farm Youth Advisory Board

Deadline: March 31, 2009

The State Farm Youth Advisory Board (http://www.statefarmyab.com/) is comprised of thirty diverse young adults between the ages of 17 and 20 who have demonstrated exemplary work in service learning, volunteering, and philanthropy in their communities. Members of the Youth Advisory Board will help State Farm leadership create and implement service-learning projects across the United States and Canada.

http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016911/statefarm

National Gardening Association Announces 2009 Healthy Sprouts Awards Program

Deadline: Oct. 17, 2009

The National Gardening Association (http://www.garden.org) encourages the growth of health-focused youth garden programs through the Healthy Sprouts Awards sponsored by Gardener's Supply Company (http://www.gardeners.com/). The awards support school and youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States. http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016912/healthysprouts

Save Our History Invites Applications for Community Education and Preservation Projects

Deadline: June 5, 2009

Save Our History (http://www.saveourhistory.com/), a program of the History Channel (http://www.history.com/) and the American Association for State and Local History (http://www.aaslh.org/), is a national initiative that supports local history education and historic preservation efforts in communities across the United States. Each year, Save Our History awards a total of

$250,000 to history organizations that partner with schools or youth groups on preservation projects that engage students in learning about, documenting, and preserving the history of their communities.

http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016914/saveourhistory

The 2009 Bullitt Environmental Fellowship Call for Applications

The Bullitt Environmental Fellowship is a two-year, $50,000/year fellowship for graduate students interested in pursuing leadership positions within the environmental field.

Eligible applicants must first secure a recommendation from a faculty member. Only faculty recommended applications will be considered. Eligible applicants will be: Currently enrolled in a graduate candidate program, not restricted to environmental studies; Prepared to demonstrate a strong desire and capacity for leadership; and Seeking leadership opportunities to make substantial contributions to the environmental field.

The fellowship is offered to graduate students in universities within the Foundation's areas of focus Washington, Oregon, Idaho, western Montana, southern Alaska, and British Columbia. The Bullitt Foundation supports efforts in these states to build regional model of a healthy, sustainable environment. All completed application packages must be received at the Bullitt Foundation office NOT LATER THAN APRIL 6, 2009. Inquiries may be directed to: info@bullitt.org

For more information, visit http://bullitt.org/news/bullitt-environmental-fellowship-call-for-applications.

American Legacy Foundation Invites Applications for Dr. Alma S. Adams Scholarship

Deadline: April 15, 2009

The American Legacy Foundation (http://www.americanlegacy.org/) is accepting applications for the Dr. Alma S. Adams Scholarship for Outreach and Health Communications to reduce tobacco use among what the foundation considers "priority populations." Priority populations are those disproportionately targeted by the tobacco industry or which lack the tools and resources to combat smoking in their communities.

Identified priority populations are Native Americans/Alaska Natives, Hispanics, African Americans, Asian/Pacific Islanders, low socio-economic status groups, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities. For more information, visit http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016584/americanlegacy

Full-ride Engineering Scholarship at UH

Citizens Establish Engineering Scholarships

- One scholarship offers a full ride to any engineering student who is a citizen of a federally recognized tribe, but preference is given to Cherokee or Choctaw students.

- The second scholarship is a $5,000 award to female engineering students.

- The Sniders said they would fund the scholarships every year, and if tuition rises, they would cover it as well. Students can apply for admission online at www.uh.edu. The scholarships are open to all disciplines in engineering.

The 2009 Indian Summer Music Awards

From fist-pumping modern rock anthems to spiritual hymns played on traditional instruments, the Indian Summer Music Awards (ISMA) recognizes and promotes the very best in Native American music created by both established and emerging artists.

The Awards are presented live at the Indian Summer Festival, with many of the artists on-hand to perform their winning songs for the festival crowds.

Don't miss this opportunity to see and hear some of America's most talented recording artists in person!

The entries are judged by a panel of respected professional from across the music and entertainment industries. Winners are selected from 13 categories including Folk, Alternative Rock, Classic Rock, Hip Hop, Spiritual, Traditional Drum and more!

Rules and Instructions for Entry in the 2009 Indian Summer Music Awards: 2009 Indian Summer Music Awards The Indian Summer Music Awards seek to honor the best American Indian music that has been commercially released between the period of March 2, 2008 and March 1, 2009.

The ISMA Awards will be presented during the Indian Summer Festival held Sept. 11-13 in Milwaukee, Wis., with the awards ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009.

By signing the Authorization & Warranty section of the official entry form all entrants and winners allow partial or entire pieces of the entry to be used for publicity during the Indian Summer Music Awards ceremony and at Indian Summer Festival.

Each entry must be submitted in one of the following thirteen categories. Any CD may be submitted for multiple categories, however separate entry forms, fees and CDs must accompany each entry.

Once a category or categories is selected, simply complete an entry form per category and follow the delivery instructions.

Judges are professionals in the music and entertainment industries. All judging is conducted independently of the ISMA Committee and consists of am on-line process to determine the winners in each category. Award Timeline March 31 - Entry Deadline; July 1 - Nominees in each category will be announced and notified; Sept. 12 - Sixth Annual Indian Summer Music Awards presentation held as part of Indian Summer Festival 2009.

Deadlines and Fees: All entry forms and fees must be postmarked by March 31, 2009. Any forms/fees/CDs not received by April 11, 2009 will be disqualified.

Fees and CD's of disqualified entries will not be returned. All winners will be announced on Sept. 12, 2009.

Entry fee per submission is $30 per category of entry. Contestant should send a copy of the completed entry form along with their 3 CD's, promo kit and payment for each category entered to: Indian Summer Festivals, Attention: ISMA, 10809 W Lincoln Ave #101, West Allis, WI 53227.

For more information, contact Indian Summer Festival at (414) 727-9749 or indiansummer@wi.rr.com.

George Hawkins Memorial Treatment Center

10320 North Airport Road, Clinton, OK 73601

The Substance Abuse Program can be contacted at (580) 331-2370 or by dialing toll free (800) 247-4612 extension 32370. For information by e-mail, contact Nicolas Barton at nbarton@c-a-tribes.org or Director Harold Spradling at hspradling@c-a-tribes.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the upcoming Cheyenne District Four (C4) Recall Election, on Friday **March 20, 2009** there will be two poll sites. Each poll site will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. PHOTO I.D. WILL BE REQUIRED TO VOTE.

The C-4 poll sites are:
Hammon Senior Citizen Center, Hammon, Okla.
Carnegie Library, Elk City, Okla.

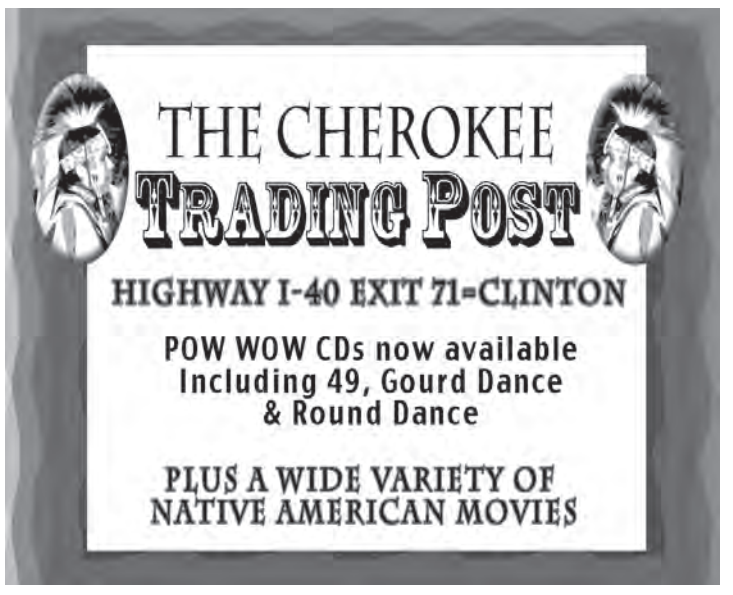
The C-4 voters registered to vote with a Hammon, Butler, Leedey, Cheyenne and Raydon address will vote at the Hammon poll site.

The C-4 voters registered to vote with an Elk City, Sayre, Carter, Canute, Burns Flat, Foss, Sweetwater and Dill City address will vote at the Elk City Poll Site.

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

The following information lists the results of the special recall election for the Arapaho District 3 seat.

Remove vote total: 31 (44.93 percent).
Retain vote total: 38 (55.07 percent).
Voter participation total: 69 (61.61 percent).



Assistance with Indian children students with disabilities

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Education is aware that some Indian children with disabilities may not be receiving the services needed for accommodation to obtain a proper education in the public schools.

Parents have the authority to invite a representative to the Individual Education Plan (IEP) meeting between the school, child and the parent each year. We have skilled vocational rehabilitation counselors and education staff available to ensure each plan adopted meets the requirements necessary to accommodate each individual child's education needs.

Parents needing assistance can call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27568. Please ask for Quinton Romannose or James Archer; or contact Bryan Sykes at (888) 284-7725.

Adult League Bowling Tournament
Monday, March 23 — 6:00 p.m.
1. You Got Served—Robert Woods, Jr.
2. Rising Force—Thomas Fasthorse
3. Red Moon—Mary Youngbull
4. Indian Sliders—Anna Williams
5. C&W Reds—Marlin Hawk
6. Pinheads—Minnie Bushyhead
7. Lucky Star—Cathy Derenzo
8. Double Down—David Levi
Monday, March 30 — 6:00 p.m.
1. Team El Reno—Eddie Hamilton
2. Caddo Springs—Kerrie Blackwolf
3. El Reno Injuns—Leaf Minear
4. Pineapple Express—Jaime Reveles
5. Tropic Thunder—Lisa Levi
6. Oklahoma Reds—Daniel Blackwolf
7. The King Pins—Gary Worthington
8. Baygahs—Holly Sheridan
Monday, March 23 — 8:00 p.m.
1. Brooklyn Buzzards—Reggie Island
2. Loose Cannons—Marvina Black
3. The Chuds—Rick Bear
4. Showtime—Reggie Island, Sr.
5. Littlebird—Natasha Littlebird
6. Hostiles—JC Sleeper
7. Kung Fu Pandas—Karl Thunderbull
8. Late Nite Crew—Michael Woods
Monday, March 30 — 8:00 p.m.
1. Average Joes—Jerilyn Longknife
2. Oklahoma 49ers—Robert Woods
3. W.A.C.K. Pack—Shawn Bert
4. Trackstarz—Will Whitlow
5. Bowlaholics—Emerson Ellis
6. Hearts of Gold—Sofia Sandoval
7. Hurricane Gravity—Robert Sleeper
8. Lightning & Thunder—Basil Pollock
9. Arapaho Sisters—Linda Hulbutta
10. Arapaho LOVE—Malaina Tallbear
El Reno Bowl — 2412 Sunset Dr.
Bowling Shirts & Trophies will be awarded!
For more information contact 1-800-247-4612 ext. 27570.

Youth Handgame Tournament
Inviting Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Youth!
Saturday, March 28, 2009
R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Activity Center–1:00 p.m.
* Teams can represent your Community/School!
LUNCH * DOOR PRIZES
Hosted by the Cheyenne & Arapaho Youth Council!
For more information contact the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program at 1-800-247-4612 ext. 27578.
TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE
Hammon High School 12:00 p.m.
Clinton—Homeland 12:45 p.m.
Weatherford—Wal-Mart Parking lot 12:30 p.m.
Seiling—Shell Gas Station 12:00 p.m.
Canton—Shell Gas Station 11:00 a.m.
Thomas—Terrier Express 12:30 p.m.
Watonga—Alco Parking Lot 12:00 p.m.
Geary High School 12:30 p.m.
El Reno—Wal-mart Parking lot 12:00 p.m.

Reminder:

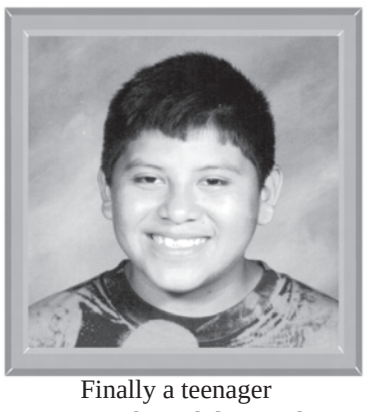
The deadline to submit information for the April 1, 2009 *Tribal Tribune* is March 23, 2009. All late submissions will be placed in the following issue, unless space is available. - Deadlines are on the 8th and 23rd of each month, unless the date falls on a weekend, then the deadline will be the Friday before. -

All copy submitted is requested to be sent electronically in Microsoft Word, if possible, without boxes around the text or hyperlinks. We are unable to open Publisher documents nor can we publish copyrighted material without permission.

Thank you

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 26th
Have a Happy
Birthday Basil
Love you always,
Your lil sister Cheryl



Finally a teenager
Happy 13th Birthday Baylen
We Love you.
Mom, Donnie, Morgi, Cheyne,
Skye, Grandma, Grandpa,
Auntie, Johnna & Maxine

HAPPY 9TH BIRTHDAY
BREYDEN
Biixoo3e3en
Auntie Nene and Blackie

Happy Birthday to the
"Goodblanket Girls"
Cheyenne Faith Goodblanket
Tturned 2 on March 1st.
We love you from your entire
family in New Mexico

Happy 9th Birthday Cheyne
Bullcoming
We love you!
Mom, Donnie, Morgi, Rolly
and Baby Skye, Grandma,
Grandpa, Auntie, Johnna &
Maxine

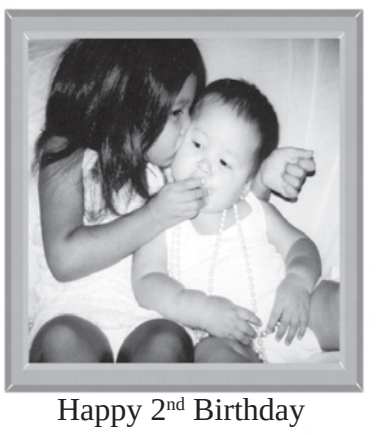
Happy 17th Birthday
March 7th Chris Rednose
Love, Mom, sister Aubrey,
brothers Alan & Bryce and
your lil' nephew Kaleb. May
you be blessed with many
more!

HAPPY 31ST
BIRTHDAY CHRISSY!
Biixoo3e3en
See3tei, noxuxou noh blackie

A YEAR OF LAUGHTER A
YEAR OF FUN,
HAZEL RUBY GAINES IS
TURNING "1"
MARCH 17th
WE LOVE YOU BABY!!!
MOMMY AND DADDY

HAPPY 37TH
BIRTHDAY JAMIE
Biixoo3e3en
See3tei, noxuxou noh blackie

Happy Birthday to the
"Goodblanket Girls"
Lauren Jade Goodblanket
turned 2 on March 8th.
We love you from your entire
family in New Mexico



Happy 2nd Birthday
To My Beautiful
Baby Sister
I love you Keeley so much
From Alysah Carpenter ☺

HAPPY 13TH
BIRTHDAY KENNETH
Biixoo3e3en
Auntie Nene and Blackie

March 25th
Happy Birthday Matt
I Love You
Cheryl

March 21st
Happy Birthday Mom
We Love you
Gabriel, Basil, and Cheryl

To our Big Baby
"BINX"
Happy 15th Birthday
Lots of Love from
Arizona to Oklahoma

Happy Belated
Birthdays to
Adrienne Rouse (left) and
to Leslie Rouse (right)
Adrienne and Leslie
are the daughters of
Bronwyn "Marie" Hi
Chief Rouse (former
of Watonga, Okla.).
Adrienne lives in Phoe
Ariz. and Leslie lives
Salt Lake City, Utah

Happy Belated
Birthday
Blake Weasle Bear
March 10th
Love your family

Happy Belated
Birthday
Chebon Dawes
March 8th

Happy 10th
Birthday Dominic
Washington
March 31st
Love your family

Happy Birthday
March 24th
Alisun Little Coyote
Love your family

Happy 6th Birthday Alyssa
Two Babies
March 27th
Love your family

Happy Birthday
Curtis SpottedCorn
– March 25th
Linda Gomez – March
25th
Happy Belated Birthday
Robert Spotted Corn
– Jan. 10th
Antonio Spotted Corn
– Feb. 18th
Ella Reese – Feb. 18th
Gloria Spotted Corn
– Feb. 24th

Happy Belated
Birthday
Kolby Milligan
March 13th
Love your family

CONGRATULATIONS

Introducing
Janice Rose Spotted Corn

Born at 1:43 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009. She was born at Kingfisher Regional Hospital in Kingfisher, Okla.

Janice Rose weighed 6 lbs. and 12 oz. and was 19 inches long.

She is the daughter of Gloria Spotted Corn of Geary, Okla.

Janice Rose has two older brothers, Jarvis and Antonio in Taos, N.M.

It's A Girl!

Introducing
Anthony James Doctor

Leslie Medicine Bear Jr. and Cheryl Blind, would like to announce the birth of their new grandson, Anthony James Doctor.

Anthony was born at 4:57 p.m. March 9, 2009 at Kingfisher Regional Hospita to Trista Dawn Medicine Bear and Jimmy Ray Doctor, son of Francis Black Bear and Edward Doctor (both deceased).

Anthony weighed 8lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long. Present at the birth, in the room, were Jimmy Ray Doctor, father Cynthia Medicine Bear, great-grandmother and Cheryl Blind, grandmother.

Diana Osage, grandmother and Sara Osage, auntwere also in attendance.

It's A Boy!

To Naomi "Nay-Nay" Lynn Whitecrow-Jones
Dec. 9, 2006 – Jan. 20, 2009

Shed a Tear

As I was looking through my things I came across your picture and I shed a tear for you today.

I saw a beautiful baby girl, with big bright eyes and a smile that only an angel could have and I shed a tear for you today.

God took you when you were only 3, I guess God needed a special flower for his garden so he took you and I shed a tear for you today.

I'm no longer sad or broken hearted because I know you are with God and your grandmother, but still I shed a tear for you today.

Love your grandmothers,
Tweety & Cole

Employment Opportunities

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver's license, and CDIB to:Personnel Department P.O. Box 38 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: awhite@c-a-tribes.org

Administrative Assistant Legislative Clerk

QUALIFICATIONS:

Minimum high school diploma or GED required. Two years of secretarial experience that includes demonstrated computer skills and knowledge or completion of two years training from an accredited vo-tech or college, majoring in secretarial, computer science or business administration. Certificate of completion required. Good grammar and communication skills with ability to compose accurate and professional business letters. Willing to work other than normal work hours. Other duties as assigned. Must pass pre-hire drug screen.

SALARY: Negotiable

Outreach Substance Abuse Counselor

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must be a Certified Addiction Counselor or have CEU hours toward certification. Associates or bachelors degree with major study in a behavioral science field such as; substance abuse, sociology, psychology, and/or counseling preferred. Two years of more in specialized experience in cultural activities, treatment services, and/or counseling services. Must have at least maintained four years of sobriety. Must have a telephone. Must have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Must pass pre-hire drug screen.

SALARY: Negotiable

Lead Carpenter Economic Development

QUALIFICATIONS:

Two years experienced in managing multiple projects at the same time. Two years experience demonstrated ability to read plans and specifications and do material takeoffs. Two years experience in demonstrated ability to set forms and finish work for concrete pours on various work sites. Two years experience in tape and bedding, painting, flooring, and all other aspects of finish work. Experience must demonstrate ability to multi-task including finish wood and concrete work and have excellent people skills, demonstrate supervisory skills. Have a good driving record, posses valid State driver's licenses. Ability to work with other trades and any and all other duties assigned. High School or GED required. Trades certification preferred. Must be dependable and have reliable transportation. Successfully pass Tribe's drug testing requirements.

SALARY: Negotiable

Legislative Staff Secretary District A-4 Office

QUALIFICATIONS:

Minimum high school diploma or GED required. Two years of secretarial experience that include demonstrated computer skills and knowledge or completion of two years training from an accredited Vo-tech or college majoring in secretarial, computer science or business administration. Certificate of completion required. Good grammar and communication skills with ability to compose accurate and professional business letters. Must pass pre-hire drug screening.

SALARY: Negotiable

Natural Resources/Land Manager

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelors degree in agriculture, biology, ecology, natural resources management or related field preferred. Three years management experience in one of the above disciplines. Current Oklahoma driver's license. Must pass pre-hire drug screening.

SALARY: Negotiable

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you have moved, please update your address with the Tribal Tribune office.

Addresses will be deleted from our mailing list if the U.S. Postal Service codes the address as: undeliverable, no forwarding address, individual or family move, address not found, or box closed.

When updating your address please provide both the new and old address. Only one newspaper will be sent to each household.

If you have any questions or need to change your address, please call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27608 or ext. 27446.

Thank you,
Tribal Tribune staff

C-3 Fundraising Schedule

March 18

Homemade chili and cornbread lunch 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Clinton ILC

TRIBAL TRIBUNE DEADLINES

The **8th** and **23rd** of each month

REMINDER

Submitted information

Ceremonial and powwow season is here. Don't forget to get your firewood cut and cured for the 2009 season.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Graduates

CALLING ALL 2009 GRADUATES

Send your graduation photo along with your name, graduating school and degree (if applicable) to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune for the 2009 Graduation Insert.

Email submissions to dattocknie@c-a-tribes.org and/or rmstephens@c-a-tribes.org or mail to P.O. Box 38, Concho, OK 73022.

DEADLINE FOR ALL PHOTOS IS MAY 31, 2009

Note: If mailing, please include a S.A.S.E. to receive your photo back.

students

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gown for graduation and we hold a college prep workshop at Southwestern and Redlands Community College that eligible students can receive a stipend for participating in," Whiteman said.

Marshall Medicine Bear, SWOSU counselor, was introduced to the students as a contact person to help them fill out paperwork and other documents if attending SWOSU.

"We are here to help you understand all the grants and funding available to you," Medicine Bear said. "For Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members there are additional funds available to help with your college tuition and books and I encourage all of you to apply for the PELL grant and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)."

An increase of $17 billion dollars to the Pell Grant program boosts grant amounts for college students from $500 to $5,350 in the first year, more in the second year, and will help an estimated seven million low and moderate-income families.

This increase stems from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) signed into law on Feb. 17, 2009 by President Barack Obama, according to the federal government's education Web site. Packets of information that included education gaming applications, grant applications and checklist, deadlines and education paraphernalia were distributed to the students.

"This information really helped me a lot because I didn't even know what FAFSA was or how to go about applying for it," Meagan Greenwalt, El Reno High School junior, said. "I plan to attend college. It's between the University of Central Florida, Southwestern or Redlands, depending on what my family can pay for."

Information assemblies were also held at Hammon, Elk City, Clinton, Seiling, Watonga Riverside, Kingfisher, Geary and Calumet high schools.

For more information on college grants, scholarships and funding programs contact Whiteman at (405) 422-7560 or email wwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org.

Fasthorse runs for princess

Courtesy photo
Brandy Fasthorse

Hello, my name is Brandy Fasthorse. I am 6 years old and I am running for the Oklahoma Indian Nations Tiny Tot Princess.

I am the daughter of Margaret Tall Bear and Thomas Fasthorse. The grand daughter of Deforest "Mock" Tall Bear, Debra White and the late Lolita Coffey. I am the great grand daughter of Minnie Blindwoman and the late Tommy Blindwoman, George and Margaret White, Floyd and Rose Greany Tall Bear. My great, great grandparents are the late John and Lula Curtis Greany.

I am currently in Kindergarten at Darlington School. I enjoy playing sports; T-Ball is my favorite.

I would like to really be princess and I would represent Oklahoma Indian Nations to the best of my ability. I am very excited to be running for princess. My mother was Oklahoma Indian Nations Senior Princess in 1996-1997 and I think it would be great to follow in her footsteps.

I am asking for everyone's support! It is a penny a vote and my aunt and uncle, Malaina Tall Bear and Cody Zimmer, along with my daddy will have jars set up for donations at the Tribal Administration Building. My family will also be having a yard sale/Indian taco sale and a benefit dance on April 4, 2009 at Darlington School. I would like to invite everyone to each fundraiser and help support me!

For more information contact Malaina Tall Bear (405) 200-5642.

Thank you,
Brandy Fasthorse

dental

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or wakes up with an infection. What this program does is extend the reach of dentistry into areas that are remote that do not have the opportunity on a regular basis to touch someone interested in their oral health.''

The coordinator would be a part of a dental team that included a dentist. In Oklahoma, those coordinators will work primarily with people in rural areas. Those at Temple, in Philadelphia, will work with urban residents while those at the University of California, Los Angeles will serve the American Indian tribal community, Findley said.

The coordinators already live in the areas they will serve and work at federally qualified local or tribal health centers. They will receive online and distance education for a year then begin serving a six-month internship.

``We're trying to figure out how to solve some access to care problems that we have,'' said Dunn Cumby, the chairman of the Division of Community Dentistry in OU's College of Dentistry. ``... What determines if it is successful or not is if we have an impact on access to care in the areas that need it the most.''

The coordinators will serve as a sort of ambassador to those who often don't seek dental care until an emergency arises and will be able to perform basic services.

They will encourage preventive care and be able to help patients schedule appointments with dentists when necessary. One of the initial coordinators to be trained is 25-year-old Jessica Johnson of Clayton, a town of about 700 people in Pushmataha County in far southeastern Oklahoma. As a worker in that town's health clinic, she said sees the need for such a program.

``No one there has the income it takes to get oral health care they would need,'' she said.

Cumby said the clinics will work on a sliding fee scale.

The program is being funded initially through $2 million in startup funds from the American Dental Association, Findley said.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes S.T.O.P (VAIW) Violence Against Indian Women

- Counseling
- Advocacy
- Support

(800) 247-0345 x27692
Coord. 370-1707
Advocate 615-9531

Welcome . . .

Donna Pewo is the new lay missionary at the El Reno Indian Fellowship U.M.C. located at 312 North L Avenue in El Reno, Okla.

Service times are 11 a.m. Sunday and Wednesday bible study 7 p.m. (Sunday school is also available.) There will be food served after church.

For more information call Donna Pewo (405) 550-0141 or Edward Black (405) 262-2355.

Thank You

The family of Annabelle Armstrong Medicinechips Kaulaity wishes to thank everyone who helped with paying her final respects.

We would like to especially thank the following people, Gerald Panana for the comfort and spiritual wellness he gave to us, Geraldine Warledo for the preparation of the delicious food.

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We thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts in helping us in our time of need.

Again, thank you everyone who brought food, sent flowers, shawls, materials and Pendleton blankets.

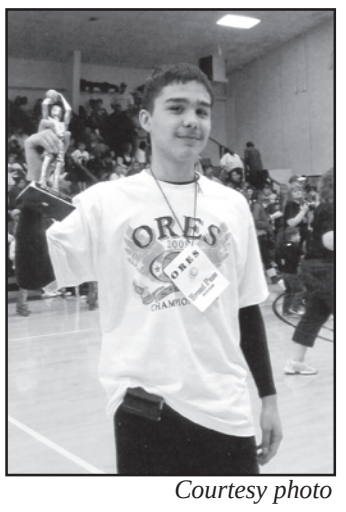
Carol Medicinechips Gowdy & Shirley Williams

Wells makes all-tournament team

On Feb. 26-28, 2009 the Organization of Rural Elementary Schools (ORES) state tournament was held at the Earlsboro High School, Oklahoma Baptist University and Seminole State College.

Darlington Chiefs made it to the semi-finals.

Darlington Chiefs' eighth grader, William Wells, was selected to the All-Tournament team. Darlington School and his family are very proud of William's accomplishments.



Courtesy photo
William Wells

William is the twin brother of Devon Wells and the son of Tracy Wells. Grandson of Wayman and Sherry Wells.

A special thank you to the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program for donating t-shirts to all the families.

The Wells Family

Financial Aid Coordinator
Gates Millennium Scholarship Program

The financial aid coordinator will provide financial aid advisement, assist in the distribution of scholarship awards, prepare, collect, and process program documents. Duties also include, but are not limited to, tracking information and follow-up to complete financial aid requirements such as verification, reviewing files and performing needs analysis to determine eligibility, and package scholarship awards in accordance with program guidelines.

Other responsibilities include the resolution of academic and financial aid issues, advising current and prospective students of scholarship eligibility requirements and responsibilities, coordinating program activities, preparing reports and providing overall program support.

Bachelors degree required, in related field with at least five years direct office experience in financial aid, counseling, advisement, admissions, student services or related area in a college or university setting. Strong public speaking, written and verbal communication skills, customer service and records management skills preferred. Interest in working with diverse populations and travel required. American Indian or Alaska Native preference.

Salary: $28,000 - $33,000

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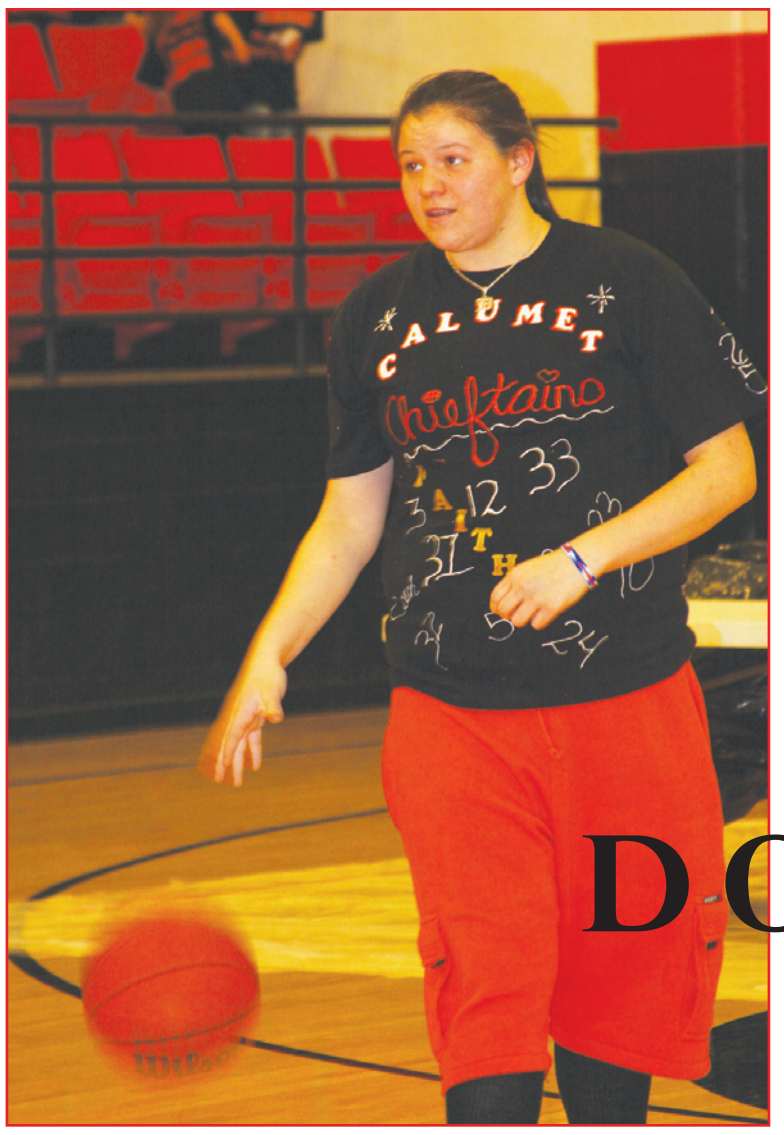


Senior Mariel Miles dribbles the ball during Calumet's pep rally.

Standing l-r: Trenton RedBird, Coleman Farley, Mariel Miles, Gavin Beavers, Mikey Orr, and Hunter Stewart. Sitting l-r: Ryan Hunter, David LittleBear and Chase Evans.

DONATING to local SCHOOLS

By Rosemary Stephens, Reporter/Graphic Artist

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' enterprise Lucky Star Casino donates $1,000 to the Calumet High School basketball program on March 4, 2009.

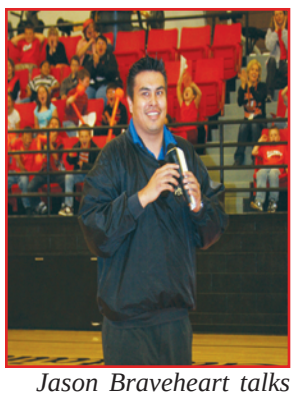
"I see a t-shirt over there with the word dreamer on it, and that's what you all are … the next generation leaders and dreamers," Jason Braveheart, Lucky Star Casinos marketing director, said. "On behalf of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and Lucky Star Casino we would like to donate this money to your basketball program."

Kris Little Raven, Lucky Star Casino general manager, presented the $1,000 check to the Calumet basketball team seniors.

Donations of $1,000 were also made to Hammon High School and Clinton High School basketball programs.

Kris Little Raven hands the $1,000 check to seniors Trenton RedBird and Mariel Miles

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

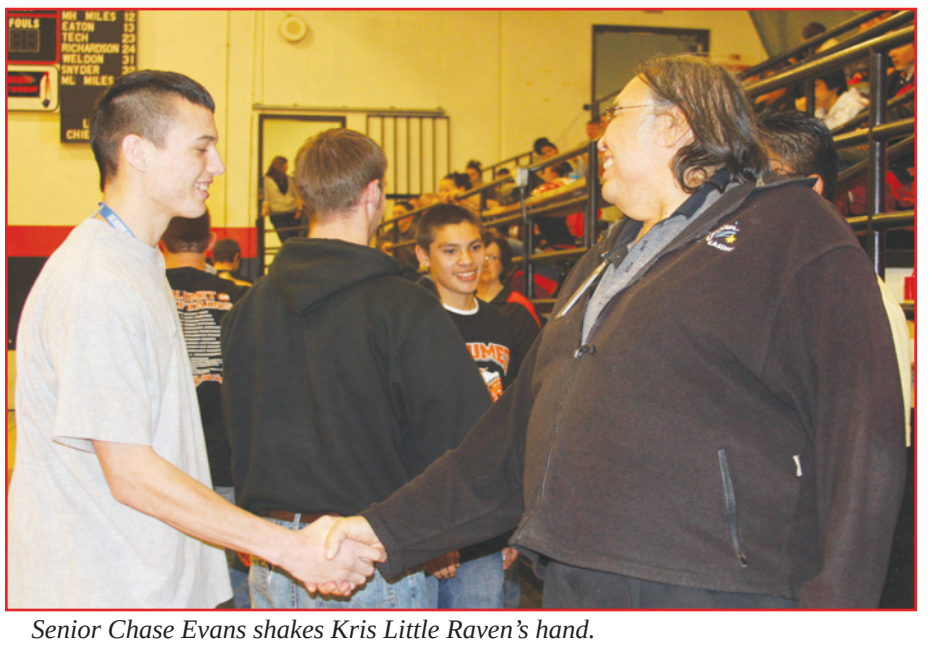


Jason Braveheart talks to the students at Calumet's pep rally.

Calumet High School basketball players mingle on the court before pep rally.

Trenton RedBird

David Littlebear



Senior Chase Evans shakes Kris Little Raven's hand.

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Mardi Gras anyone?

The children and staff at the Concho Child Development Center celebrate Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) with festive masks, beads and lots of good things to eat on Feb. 24, 2009.

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